Introduction to the Australian student visa
As an EAP participant in Australia, you must apply for and be granted a student visa, which must be valid for the duration of your program. The Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) offers online visa applications for U.S. citizens participating in a one-or two-semester academic program abroad.

Non-U.S. citizens
If you are a non-U.S. citizen, read the DIAC website carefully and contact the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C. immediately to check entry requirements for your country of citizenship. The entry process for non-U.S. citizens may take much longer than for U.S. citizens, so allow ample time to research the requirements and complete them.

Cost of the visa
It’s expensive to apply for the Australian student visa. At the time of this printing, the application fee for the student visa described above was listed as $550 Australian dollars (approx. $565.00 in U.S. dollars). Remember to include this item when budgeting your out-of-pocket expenses for time abroad. The most convenient way to pay your visa fee is by credit card.

You'll need a “CoE”
To use the online application you will first need an electronic “Confirmation of Enrolment” (CoE) number, which will be issued to you by your host University. How do you get a CoE? Once you have 1) received an offer of place (an acceptance letter) from your host University and have 2) accepted this offer by returning an acceptance form to your Australian University, you will issue receive a CoE.

Your “TRN”
After submitting your student visa application online, you’ll be assigned a transaction number (TRN). Keep track of the TRN. You will need it check the status of your online visa application.

How to access the online application
Go to the home page of the Department of Australian Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) at http://www.immi.gov.au/
Browse all the relevant chapters on their website for detailed information.
To read specifically about the student visa application process,
- select “Visas, Immigration, and Refugees” from the menu on the home page,
- select “Students” from the options on the left,
- choose which kind of student visa you are interested in by clicking “Student Visa Options”,
- choose the “NON-AWARD” category (Subclass 575),
- select your country from the pulldown menu and follow the prompts.
△ When you’re ready to begin your visa application, go to http://www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/students.htm.
- Select “Start an application” (make sure you are looking at the category for applicants “outside Australia”),
- click “First student visa” from the right hand margin of the chart.
- Once you begin, the steps are fairly self-explanatory.

You will need to enter the proposed date of your arrival and departure. To determine these dates, check your Program Calendar Tab on the Participants page of the EAP website. You will need to arrive a few days in advance of the mandatory orientation for international students at your host university (or at least one day before it begins). Plan your departure anytime AFTER the last date of final exams.

Health Clearance Requirement
During the e-visa application process some students will be notified that a consular health clearance is required. **This is unrelated to the EAP Health Clearance, and the EAP clearance and forms are not accepted for this purpose. If you find out that you have been notified, you must take action to get the exam and chest x-ray completed and submitted as quickly as possible. The required medical forms are available on the DIAC website.** These forms can be filled out by any certified MD and sent to the specified address (usually the Embassy of Australia in Washington, DC).
Further questions?
The instructions above outline the basics. Direct any further questions about your student visa application to the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

You may also contact the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C.

The Embassy of Australia in Washington D.C.
1601 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington DC, 20036-2273
Tel: (202) 797-3000

If there are questions you haven’t been able to answer via the DIAC website or by calling the number above, call the Embassy’s line for inquiries at 1-905-280-1437.

• When your e-visa is granted, we highly recommend that you print out a copy of the notification, keep it with your passport, and take it with you when you travel.