



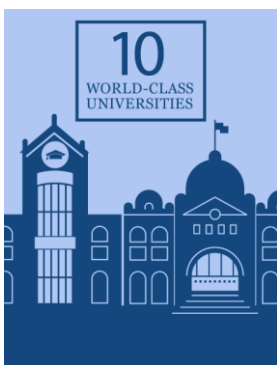
Skilled, Innovative and Diverse Workforce and Universities

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA

The advantages of living and investing in Melbourne are highlighted by its ability to attract and retain a skilled and innovative workforce through its enviable lifestyle and access to high quality academic institutions. Victoria is the premier location for commercially orientated graduates, which ensures investors have the best talent available to get the job done. It also has a diverse multicultural population, providing a strong multilingual workforce for internationally oriented businesses.

Australians generate the highest amount of GDP per person in the Asia-Pacific region, and is ranked fifth globally. It is ranked in the top ten countries in the world for education, also ranking highly in terms of its universities meeting the needs of a competitive economy¹.

Melbourne is serviced by ten world-class universities, providing industry with a constant stream of highly skilled graduates². With over a quarter of Victorians having a Bachelors degree or above and, with over half obtaining some form of post-school qualification³ **industry is constantly supplied with a highly capable workforce.**



Universities in Victoria

In Victoria there are ten universities and many high quality private higher education providers to choose from. Campuses are located near or in central Melbourne, and in the city's surrounding suburbs as well as throughout Victoria.

- **University of Melbourne** – unimelb.edu.au
- **Deakin University** – deakin.edu.au
- **Monash University** – monash.edu
- **Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)** – rmit.edu.au
- **Swinburne University of Technology** – swinburne.edu.au
- **Federation University** – federation.edu.au
- **Victoria University** – vu.edu.au
- **La Trobe University** – latrobe.edu.au
- **Australian Catholic University** – acu.edu.au
- **University of Divinity** – divinity.edu.au

In 2014, Melbourne was recognised as the **top Major City in Human Capital and Lifestyle** in fDi Magazine's Global Cities of the Future 2014/2015 Report, with high rankings in categories such as: number of universities; tertiary students as a percentage of population; labour force as a percentage of population; education expenditure and many more.

In 2013, Victoria had the highest number of IT, Natural and Physical Science, Engineering, Management and Commerce graduates. University graduates in these areas underpin Melbourne's ability to continually generate new ideas and adapt to and adopt emerging technologies.

¹ As ranked by the IMD 2012 World Competitiveness Yearbook
² Australian Bureau of Statistics, Cat. No. 6227.0, May 2012
³ Department of Education, 2013 Award Course Completions

Melbourne's universities are internationally recognised

The quality, reputation and innovation of Melbourne's university system are globally recognised. In 2014-15 the Times Higher Education Supplement ranked The University of Melbourne:

- 13th in Clinical, Pre-clinical and Health
- 19th in Arts and Humanities
- 19th in Social Sciences
- 29th in the world in Life Sciences
- 30th in the world in Physical Sciences
- 37th in the world in Engineering & IT

These rankings place this leading research institution ahead of global players such as Dartmouth, Brown University and New York University.

The quality of a Melbourne university education has long been accepted by the international community. In 2015, the Melbourne was ranked as the second Best Student City in the world by the QS Best Student City Rankings.

Victorian universities offer world-class research and courses in the following areas:

- Physical, Chemical and Earth Sciences
- Mathematical, Information and Computing Sciences
- Engineering and Environmental Sciences
- Biological Sciences and Biotechnology
- Social, Behavioural and Economic Sciences
- Biomedical and Clinical Health Sciences

Melbourne is a leader in research

Australia ranked in the top 12% of countries in the 2013 Global Innovation Index, and many of its leading research facilities are based in Melbourne. Facilities such as the Australian Synchrotron, and the Victorian Life Sciences Computation Initiative deliver breakthroughs with wide ranging applications. Melbourne also attracts more than **forty percent** of Australia's Medical Research Funding.

Victoria is home to thirteen internationally recognised medical research institutions and fourteen agricultural research centres, and research excellence at Victorian universities also means industry has access to global thought leaders.

International students in Victoria

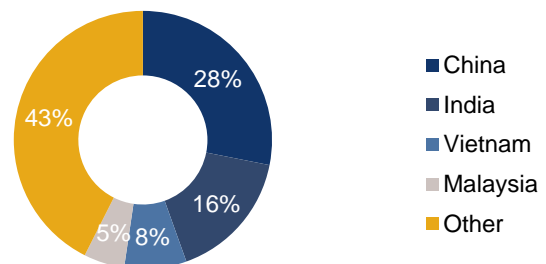
Victoria is a significant provider of higher education to international students, many of whom choose to live and pursue career opportunities in Victoria, providing businesses with multilingual skills and an international perspective.

International students in Victoria – country of origin

Country of origin	Number of students
China	49,376
India	28,824
Vietnam	13,692
Malaysia	8,976
Other	74,748
Total	175,886

Source: Australian Education International, 2014

Graph. International students in Victoria – country of origin



About Invest Victoria

Invest Victoria is your single point of entry for investment in Melbourne and Victoria. We welcome the opportunity to discuss your business needs and provide services that will allow your company to build a business future in Victoria.

For more information on Invest Victoria, visit www.investvictoria.com

Invest Victoria is your single point of entry for investment in Melbourne and Victoria. We welcome the opportunity to discuss your business needs and provide services that will allow your company to build a business future in Victoria.

Please contact your local VGBO or visit invest.vic.gov.au

Authorised by the Victorian Government, Melbourne, Australia. © Copyright State of Victoria 2015.

 @InvestVictoria
 The Victorian Connection

