



## **IT University Travel Report**

*Dear Student, this is a template – the aim is to inspire other students who may wish to follow in your footsteps. You are free to give your report the shape you want and to go beyond the questions. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information – but you need not.*

*Note that by filling in and sending the report you automatically consent to publishing it on ITU student.*

**Host university:** Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

**Study Programme at IT University:** MSc. Computer Science

**Exchange agreement or Free mover:** Free mover

**Courses studied abroad:** Advanced Enterprise Architecture, Big Data Exploration and Mining & Business Process Management

**Period studying abroad:** Autumn 2024

## **Your Stay Abroad**

**What was it like to study at the university (including choice of courses, academic level, social life on campus)?**

Studying at QUT has really been a great experience, mostly due to the people you meet while studying there. However, the academic level was not really comparable to the education we have here at home. I would prioritize getting accommodation close to the university, as that is really where the social life thrives.

**What was your initial motivation for going abroad, and did your stay meet your expectations?**

My initial motivation for going abroad was to put myself in a new situation and test my capabilities in such new settings. I was also motivated to experience the academic culture of another country while meeting international students. The stay definitely met my expectations—it was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

**Please describe what you got out of your stay, both personally and academically, and how do you expect it to contribute to your further studies.**

I think my main takeaways from the trip are the friendships and the social aspects of being on exchange. Academically, the courses weren't very challenging, so the extra time was spent socializing and enjoying the experience. My future studies are coming to an end soon, as I am writing my thesis in the coming semester, but I will surely carry with me the knowledge and skills gained from being in an international study setting, which is difficult to put into words.

## **Arranging Your Stay**

### **Please give a short description of the process of arranging your stay:**

Make sure to apply for the visa first—it took quite a while for me. Accommodation is not really super stressful, as the prices are so high that if you have the money, it won't be an issue to find a place. However, do prepare to pay quite a bit out of pocket.

### **What resources did you find helpful in planning your stay, and which people did you use (if any)?**

I had a friend who had previously been to Brisbane at QUT, so that was of great help.

### **How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?**

I Googled it and booked it.

## **Expenses and Financing**

### **Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad:**

It's expensive—I probably spent close to 75,000 DKK on top of the tuition. Make sure you are prepared for that. Accommodation is what really costs a lot of money—crazy expensive (8,000 DKK+ monthly).

### **Did you apply for scholarships, and would you recommend any in particular?**

I did apply for some and was granted 15,000 DKK from Knud Højgaard Fonden. The rest of the expenses were out of my own pocket.

### **Recommendations for Other Students:**

Don't hesitate or be overly worried about the formalities that need to be put into place for it to happen. All of the other students who choose Brisbane for an exchange semester are equally looking to create social connections, making for a really great experience. Start applying for that visa and make sure you've got your finances in order before applying, because everything is quite pricey—particularly if you also want to travel while there, which would be a shame not to do.