



## BUDGET ESTIMATE—SEMESTER

### PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Tuition for 12-18 credits with School of Record transcript from the University of Minnesota
- Housing in an apartment or homestay
- [Local transit pass](#) (Opal Card) for travel on buses, trains, ferries & light rail in and around the Sydney Central Business District and regional areas up to 160kms
- Excursion to the [Blue Mountains](#) and overnight [“Road & Snore”](#) at Taronga Zoo
- Student events including arrival reception, mid-term social, and farewell ceremony
- Optional [internship](#)
- My Global City cultural events and activities
- CAPA services and support in the United States and abroad
- Medical, travel, and accident insurance<sup>1</sup>

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FEE)

The **estimated** total expenses below are used to help plan and prepare for the program, as well as calculate eligibility for financial aid. Not all students will incur all the expenses listed. All amounts listed are estimates and subject to change depending upon currency fluctuation, reports from past participants, and feedback from CAPA’s on-site staff.

Expenses (All Costs in USD)	Low End	High End
Air transportation to and from Sydney <sup>2</sup>	1200	2400
Taxi – Shuttle to and from airport	70	100
Passport Renewal (book)	110	170
Passport (if currently do not own) (book)	110	150
Visa (Subclass 600)	105	150
Pre-Departure COVID Test	60	200
Texts and materials	210	290
Meals for students living in apartments <sup>3</sup>	2000	3000
Essential daily living expenses	350	700
Data and cell service for mobile phone <sup>4</sup>	150	300
Local transportation <sup>5</sup>	300	600
Additional spending money and personal travel	1500	3000



Note that additional spending money and personal travel expenses are typically not included in the calculation of financial aid, and you must expect to save for these expenses outside of what your financial aid will provide. **The amount of additional funds needed depends greatly on your personal spending habits and can vary widely from student to student.** We encourage you to apply for our [CAPA Scholarships](#) to help cover the cost of your program.

- 1. This is mandatory and included in program fees. You may wish to have additional coverage through your own US health insurance, or your institution may require you to purchase its own health insurance. That cost varies depending upon the plan.*
- 2. This is an average cost based on Chicago, LA, and New York. Prices vary depending on students' availability and location.*
- 3. Homestay students will receive breakfast dinner from their host family*
- 4. You are required to have a mobile phone with data and cell service during the CAPA program. Most cell phone plans abroad offer free incoming calls but charge for outgoing calls and data usage. Students are encouraged to use Wi-Fi wherever possible.*
- 5. While CAPA provides a transportation pass encompassing local transport around the city, we recommend students take licensed taxis very early in the morning/very late at night.*

### **USEFUL BUDGETING & MONEY CONVERSION WEBSITES AND APPS**

- [Numbeo](#): compare the cost of living in different locations
- [Splitwise](#): keep track of your shared expenses and balances with housemates, groups, friends, and family
- [Paypal](#): send and receive money to people from all over the world for small fees
- [Trail Wallet](#): an app to help you budget your spending—can be done in over 200 currencies
- [Wise](#): convert currency and send money around the world. Also allows you to have a multiple-currency bank card so you can add different currencies to the card and spend as needed.

CAPA alum Lizzy has [three tips for budgeting during a semester in Sydney](#) – check them out as you prepare for your time down under!