

Higher Education Handbook

Choosing a university

A Bruneian student can choose from hundreds of universities if they choose to study overseas. The choice is huge even if they want to focus only on English speaking countries. Identifying the university can be a daunting task, but systematic research should help to narrow down your choices and make the final selection.

Some of the factors to consider include:

- Location: country, campus environment, central location in a large city,
- Cost of living: Some countries have a higher cost of living, or some cities are more expensive
- Work opportunities as a student - invaluable in building your CV. Some countries do not allow international students to work, while certain countries have relatively high minimum wage so casual work can be quite lucrative to make that extra cash.
- Reputation of university or teaching faculty (university ranking, subject ranking) - **LINK TO RANKINGS**
- Student support: career services, student activities, academic support etc
- Teaching facilities: does the university have the latest industry standard equipment as part of their teaching programme - this is critical in highly technical fields or practical programmes such as health care, film and sound production, specialised engineering etc
- Student satisfaction: how did other students find their experience of the university
- Extra curricular opportunities - do you have a specific hobby that you would like to continue, or start a new interest.
- Tuition fees, cost of living, type of accommodation
- Other students from Brunei