-IMPORTANT: DO NOT LOSE THIS CHECKLIST-

All Students MUST have a student visa to participate in this program.
Students arriving without a visa will be sent home by immigration officials at your own expense.
YOU are solely responsible for obtaining your visa **ON TIME** for your program.
Please take this process seriously.

The following set of instructions applies for U.S. citizens ONLY

If you are **NOT** a U.S. Citizen, you will need to visit the following website for your home country-specific instructions: http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/chooser/

General Australian Visa Information:

- Explore the Australian Visa website before applying.
  - http://www.immi.gov.au/students/students/575-1/apply-online.htm
  - You will find helpful information as to how to save your application, check its status, etc.
- You will be applying for the **Student Visa (Subclass 575 – Non-Award)**.
- It takes **10-15 minutes** to apply for your visa online.
- Visa fee is **AUD $535**.
- You should receive a decision from the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) within 2 days.
- You must have the compulsory Overseas Student Health Coverage (OSHC); this is included in your Dickinson program fee. Online enrollment instructions to arrive later.

Step 1: Gather necessary documents

- Your current **U.S. Passport**
- **Credit card** to pay the visa fee (AUD$550)
- **Confirmation of Enrollment** (**COE**)
  - UQ will send the Center for Global Study and Engagement (CGSE) an offer letter with an Agreement of Enrollment (ARO) form. You will pick up and return completed ARO to CGSE before the end of the semester. Once the ARO has been submitted to UQ and your admission to UQ has been officially processed, UQ will then send your COE to CGSE. CGSE will forward you the COE – watch your Dickinson email for this document over the summer! As soon as you receive the COE, proceed to step 2.

Step 2: Apply for your VISA

To apply for your Australian Student Visa (Subclass 575 – Non-Award) go to:
https://www.ecom.immi.gov.au/visas/app/uu?form=SOFF

- **Read** the Terms and Conditions; then click "I agree to the Terms and Conditions."
- **Complete** the Personal information and the Visa application
- "**Save**" the online application if you cannot complete all the necessary information
  - Applications will generally be saved for 28 days; after this time, you will need to start a new application
  - To continue a saved application or check the status of your application, go to: http://www.immi.gov.au/e_visa/students.htm#b

- The **Transaction Reference Number (TRN)** is a unique number assigned to each online application submitted. Once you have submitted your application, a receipt for your payment and a TRN will appear on your screen.
    - The TRN is important as you can use it to identify your application when communicating with the department and access information online about the progress of your application at any time prior to finalization.
- **Print** the payment receipt for your records. (Once submitted, this payment is non-refundable)
- When your visa has been approved, you will receive a **confirmation email** – **print and carry along with your passport when traveling to Australia.**
    - You will not receive anything to put into your passport. Instead, your visa information will be electronically administered.
    - When you enter Australia, immigration control will scan your passport and your Student Visa details will show up on their computer/system; however, carry your visa confirmation with you in case of confusion.
- If you have questions about visas, contact the Information Service for Australian Visas (ISAV) hotline by calling (905) 280-1437, Monday to Friday from 9 am - 5 pm EST, and you will be able to speak directly with an immigration officer.

Please contact the Center for Global Study and Engagement with any questions.

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