



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## OS-HELP INFORMATION SHEET

OS-HELP provides financial assistance to eligible students who are normally based in Australia to undertake part of their course of study overseas. OS-HELP assistance may be used to cover expenses associated with the overseas study, such as airfares, accommodation and other travel or settling expenses.

Further information regarding OS-HELP loans is available through the Going to Uni website ([www.goingtouni.gov.au](http://www.goingtouni.gov.au)), Student Financial Aid, Study Abroad and Student Administration Offices. Staff in the Student Financial Aid Office can assist you in understanding OS-HELP.

### Am I eligible for OS-HELP?

To be entitled to OS-HELP assistance through UWA for a six month study period, a student must :

- be a full-time enrolled student at UWA;
- have made satisfactory progress in their current course of study (ie pass 50% of points undertaken);
- be an Australian citizen or the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa;
- not have received OS-HELP on more than one other occasion;
- be enrolled in an undergraduate course of study at UWA;
- have already completed at least 1 EFTSL of study in Australia that counts towards his or her course of study, as either:
  - a Commonwealth supported student;
  - a contributing (that is a HECS-liable) student under the Higher Education Funding Act 1988; or
  - an exempt student who was exempt on the basis of receiving a merit based equity scholarship under the Higher Education Funding Act 1988;
- still have at least 1 EFTSL of study yet to complete in their course of study on return from their overseas study;
- have their course of study approved by the relevant Faculty Office, and be accepted by the overseas institution, ensuring they will:
  - be enrolled in full-time study with an overseas higher education institution or the overseas campus of an Australian higher education provider for study that commences on or after 1 January 2005 and for which the student will be outside Australia while undertaking the study;
  - have their overseas study count as credit for the course of study that they are enrolled in with UWA;
- not have been granted an OS-HELP loan by another provider for an overlapping six month study period;
- meet the Tax File Number (TFN) requirements (see part 46);
- complete, sign and submit an *OS-HELP debt confirmation* form.

Note that OS-HELP assistance is **not** available to students undertaking their whole course of study overseas.

### How will students be selected for an OS-HELP loan?

Selection for an OS-HELP loan will be based on academic merit.

The UWA OS-HELP Policy and Procedures are available on the UWA Financial Aid website at [www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/information\\_for/students/life/financial/oshelp](http://www.studentservices.uwa.edu.au/information_for/students/life/financial/oshelp).