Join us to develop comprehensive online support for international students

Epigeum, part of Oxford University Press, creates transformative online training programmes for universities and colleges around the world. You are invited to join our panel of expert advisors, authors, and institutions to develop an interactive, online course that will provide international students with comprehensive support during their university experience.

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Collaborate to deliver the best possible international student experience

With consistently high levels of demand for international student places in Australia, and the international student experience increasingly being viewed as a core measure of success, the need for dedicated, holistic support has never been greater.

Research indicates that many international students struggle with issues beyond the general challenges that all new students encounter, but are less likely to approach university counselling services for help. Making targeted and effective support available to all international students will not only contribute to their academic success and satisfaction, but will also enhance their social success and ability to adapt in a multicultural society – leading to better outcomes in the longer term.

Made up of four clear and concise modules, *International Student Success* will equip undergraduate and postgraduate international students with the knowledge, skills, and understanding that are central to preparing for, and adjusting to, university life in the Australia.

Packed full of practical tips, real student voices, and “myth-busting” exercises, this holistic programme will address a range of key concerns and issues, including culture shock, effective communication, and finding support away from home – using a rich array of dynamic, interactive content to deliver core information, manage expectations, and build confidence.

Following a one-off payment, your institution will be able to inform all aspects of the programme via a collaborative workshop and rigorous review process – ensuring that it truly reflects the needs of your international student population – before receiving a campus-wide, unlimited subscription to the finished resource upon publication.

**Indicative Schedule:**
- Workshop: February 2021
- Publication: December 2021
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### Proposed shape and scope of the programme

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#### Module 1
**Preparing for student life in Australia**
- Visas
- Accommodation
- Finances
- Undertaking paid work
- Transportation

#### Module 2
**Culture and expectations**
- Understanding local communities, traditions and culture
- Social expectations and etiquette
- Academic expectations and the learning environment
- Dealing with culture shock

#### Module 3
**Language and communication**
- Social skills
  - Making friends
  - Building your network
- Communication skills: building confidence
  - Communicating effectively in class
  - Working in groups

#### Module 4
**Looking after yourself and finding support**
- Loneliness and homesickness
- Healthy relationships
- Perfectionism
- Healthcare
Meet our Lead Advisors

Dr Paula Durance
Experienced consultant specialising in international student management and support, and the professional development of those working with international students.

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Senior Lecturer in Epidemiology at the Centre of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, the School of Population and Global Health at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Why join the collaboration?

Our unique development approach brings world-class subject experts, partner institutions, and our in-house specialists together to develop online training programmes that are insightful, engaging, and effective.

International Student Success development group members will:

- Participate in a workshop and rigorous review process to ensure the programme’s alignment with their institutional requirements
- Access high-quality, interactive content at a speed and level of investment that is rarely achievable for a single institution working alone
- Receive a campus-wide, unlimited subscription to the programme, and ongoing implementation and technical support, upon publication

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