

# **OzAbroad: A New Model for Outbound Student Mobility in Australia**

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Outbound mobility of Australian students is an important part of the strategic internationalisation plans for many institutions. However, for a long time now many institutions have not been able, or willing, to commit the resources needed to make outbound student mobility as successful as it could be on campus.

There has been a need for a rethink on the issue. At a national level, Australia has made good progress in recent times in advancing the importance of international experience for graduates – this has been done through mechanisms such as the National Forum on Outbound Mobility and the Australian Exchange Fair Circuit. But can more be done at the practitioner and institutional level?

Can we be better sharing resources, networks, ideas and infrastructure?

OzAbroad is the concept of an organisation that would do exactly this. Share resources, cross-promote programs, network and tap into the expertise of institutions all around the world. This session will examine the concept behind the organisation, its scope and the ways forward.

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