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Official Program

Venue: NH Collection Mexico City Reforma, Salón La Palma | Liverpool 155 Col Juárez

08:45 – 09:15

Guests Arrival & Registration

09:15 – 09:30

Welcome and Opening Remarks

H.E. Crispin Conroy AM, Australian Ambassador to Mexico

09:30 – 10:30

Opening Plenary

Educating for What's Next: Australia and Mexico Shaping the Future Together

"The future of the Australia-Mexico relationship will not only be built by governments and institutions. It will be shaped by the young people we educate, connect and empower today."

How do we prepare a new generation not only to navigate a changing world, but to help shape it? As technology, industries and societies evolve, education has a critical role to play in developing globally minded graduates with the skills, confidence and perspectives to turn change into opportunity. Additionally, as the demands of the global economy continue to shift, educational institutions, industry and governments must work together to ensure young people are equipped to thrive and lead.

This session explores how Australia is responding through academic excellence, world-class research, innovation, industry engagement and a strong focus on employability and future skills. It also looks beyond the classroom, exploring how Australia and Mexico can work together to create new opportunities for the next generation through student mobility, research collaboration, transnational education and stronger institutional partnerships. At its heart, this is a conversation about education, collaboration and the role young people can play in shaping the next chapter of the Australia-Mexico relationship.

Keynote Speaker:

Gabrielle Hall

Trade and Investment Commissioner

Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)

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10.30 - 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:30

Morning Concurrent Sessions

Session A - Plenary: for high school counsellors and representatives of Mexican Universities

Australia: Preparing Students for a Changing World

As the world of work continues to evolve, students need more than academic knowledge to succeed. They need adaptability, global perspectives and the confidence to navigate an increasingly complex future.

This session explores how Australia's education system supports students in developing the skills, experiences and capabilities that are valued by universities, employers and communities around the world. From undergraduate degrees to Study Abroad opportunities, Australian education combines academic excellence with practical learning, helping students build the knowledge, transferable skills while enjoying a safe, welcoming and high-quality standard of living.

Speaker:

Camilo Peña

Education Sector Lead LATAM

Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)

The session will conclude with a panel discussion featuring representatives from Australian states, exploring how the different Australian regions support international students throughout their academic journey and enhance their overall study experience through dedicated programs, services and initiatives.

Moderator:

Camilo Peña, Austrade

Panelists:

Natalia Piedrahita, Study Melbourne

Priscilla López, Study Queensland

Andrew Oldfield, Study Perth

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Session B

B2B Matchmaking Sessions: Education Agents and Australian Institutions

A dedicated B2B matchmaking session connecting representatives from selected education agencies with Australian education institutions through targeted one-on-one meetings. Connections will be facilitated based on the interests and priorities identified through the registration process, creating a platform for meaningful dialogue and engagement. Participants will have the opportunity to explore areas of mutual interest and potential collaboration, including student mobility, academic cooperation, institutional partnerships and broader opportunities to strengthen education links between Australia and Mexico.

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:00

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

Session A - Plenary for Education Agents | Spotlight on Regional Areas of Australia

Navigating Policy and Geopolitical Challenges: The Gold Coast Response

This presentation will explore how the Gold Coast is responding to an increasingly complex international education environment through a student-centred approach. It will highlight initiatives supporting international students across their journey, from grants and student services to employability, industry engagement and community connection, while showcasing how the city continues to adapt, innovate and invest in creating a welcoming study destination.

Speaker

Matt Boyd, Executive Director, Education | Experience Gold Coast

Discover Perth: A Leading Study Destination in Western Australia

Perth, the capital of Western Australia, is a vibrant and welcoming city renowned for its high quality of life, relaxed lifestyle and dynamic international student community. Supported by a strong and growing economy, Perth offers international students access to quality education, career opportunities and an exceptional student experience. This presentation will highlight what makes Perth an increasingly attractive study destination.

Speaker

Andrew Oldfield, Marketing and Communications Manager | Study Perth

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Session B - B2B Matchmaking Sessions: Mexican and Australian Institutions

A dedicated B2B session connecting representatives from Mexican high schools, universities and funding schemes, with Australian education providers through targeted one-on-one meetings. Connections will be facilitated based on the interests and priorities identified through the registration process, providing an opportunity to explore academic offerings, admission procedures, student mobility and opportunities for institutional collaboration in greater detail.

15:00 - 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15 - 16:15

Panel Discussion (all attendees)

World-Class Partnerships: Australian Perspectives on Education, Research and Collaboration with Mexico

Bringing together representatives from Australian universities, this panel discussion will explore opportunities to strengthen institutional collaboration between Australia and Mexico across education, research and innovation. Drawing on Australia's extensive international experience, panellists will share insights into successful partnership models, including transnational education, joint and collaborative research, academic and student mobility, and other forms of institutional engagement. The discussion will highlight key enabling factors for sustainable partnerships and identify opportunities to deepen collaboration with Mexican institutions.

Moderator:

Andrea Valencia

Senior Policy Manager (Education and Research)

Department of Education, Australia

Panelists:

Prof. Francesco Paolucci, New Castle University

Amy Celorio, Macquarie University

Rodrigo Becerra, Swinburne University

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16:15 - 17:15

Panel Discussion (all attendees)

Study Abroad and Academic Mobility: Expanding Opportunities between Mexico and Australia

Semester-long study abroad, exchange and other short-term mobility programs are becoming an increasingly important pathway for Mexican students seeking an international academic experience. Australia offers a highly flexible and attractive model, combining world-class education, extensive course choice, strong student support and an exceptional study and lifestyle experience.

This panel will explore how Australian universities are expanding opportunities for Mexican students to undertake a semester in Australia, with options for credit recognition and participation through both institutional agreements and, in many cases, direct study abroad pathways. The discussion will also examine opportunities for Mexican and Australian universities to strengthen partnerships, expand student exchange and develop new models of academic mobility.

Moderator:

Laura Díaz
Business Development Manager
Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)

Panelists:

Luisa Reyes, RMIT University
Martha Euceda, Griffith University
Karen Rincon Fitzgerald, Edith Cowan University

17:15 - 17:30

Closing Remarks by Priscilla López, Study Queensland

17:30 - 19:30

Friends of Australia Reception

19:30

End of program