

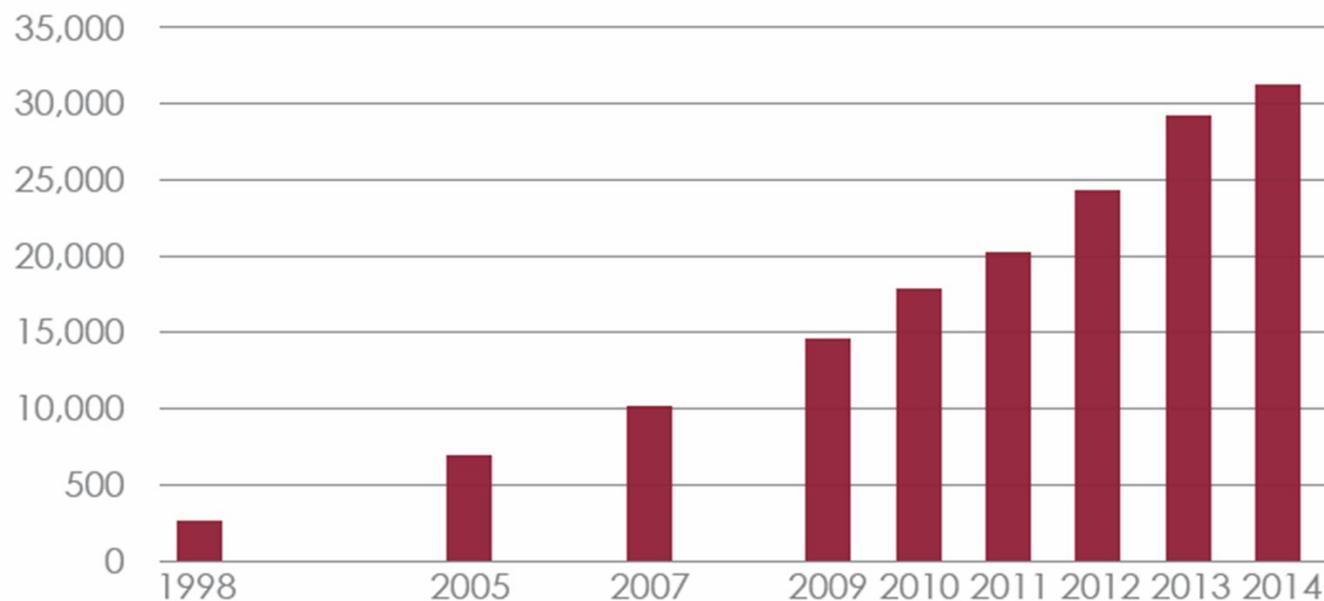
# STUDENT MOBILITY



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PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS FROM AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES IN LEARNING ABROAD PROGRAMS 1998-2014



Source: Potts (May 2016) *Outcomes of Learning Abroad Programs*, pg. 5

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TOP DESTINATION COUNTRIES 2014		% OF STUDENTS	RANK 2013	RANK 2012
1	USA	15.4%	1 (15.5%)	1 (14.3%)
2	China	9.2%	2 (9.1%)	3 (8.9%)
3	UK	8.8%	3 (8.9%)	2 (9.0%)
4	Canada	4.8%	4 (5.4%)	4 (4.7%)
5	Japan	3.8%	9 (3.4%)	8 (3.5%)
6	Indonesia	3.4%	13 (2.3%)	n/a (1.8%)
7	India	3.3%	11 (2.6%)	9 (3.0%)
8	Germany	3.3%	7 (3.9%)	5 (4.0%)
9	Italy	3.1%	5 (4.2%)	7 (3.8%)
10	France	3.0%	6 (4.1%)	6 (3.9%)

Source: Potts, D and Harrison, L (May 2016) *Learning Abroad at Australian Universities: The Current Environment*, pg. 6

So we are doing well ...



# But there are barriers to increasing participation

- Australia is geographically isolated
- Our students are more likely to be monolingual
- Duration of time spent abroad
- High costs of participation
- Entry requirements difficult to meet

# Participation of under-represented groups in student mobility

- 507 first in family;
- 90 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander;
- 550 low-SES;
- 2341 non-English speaking backgrounds;
- 710 regional/remote areas; and
- 462 students with a disability.

# Why is mobility important and what are the outcomes for students?

- Mobility benefits both the individual, the institutions and broader society
- For students, mobility experiences assist in the development of:
  - cross-cultural awareness;
  - adaptability and tolerance;
  - open-mindedness;
  - an understanding of complex global issues; and
  - global citizenship.

# There are numerous other benefits associated with student mobility

- UA commissioned IEAA report: *Outcomes of Learning Abroad*
- Highlights academic benefits to participation in mobility
- Improved career outcomes of students who participate in mobility
- Increased civic engagement and public / soft diplomacy

# Student mobility as a policy priority

- Learning abroad has been identified as a key Government priority with bipartisan support at senior levels.
- This policy focus highlights the value of student mobility encouraging growth.
- Enabled conversation around international education to emphasise reciprocity.

# Make the world your campus: learnings from the World Class campaign

If you're looking for an action-packed learning experience, seek no further than Singapore. As one of the world's economic leaders, Singapore constantly buzzes with activity – featuring vast shopping complexes and cultural feasts, there's always something to do. And if you want to escape the city, tropical rain forests are only a short trip away!

## 3 fast facts:

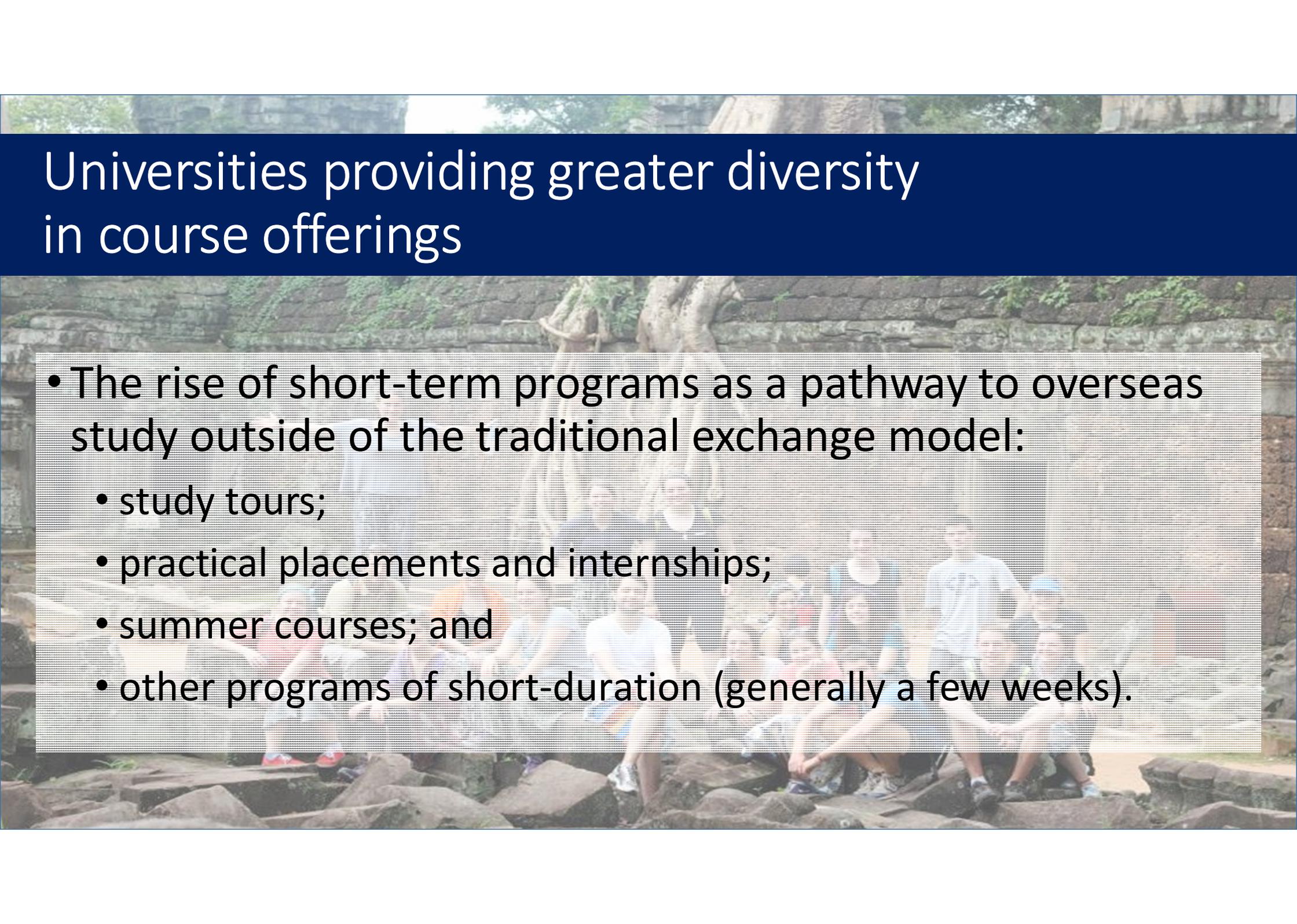
1. British elections are open to Singaporean voters.
2. Singapore is an island, a city and a state all at the same time.
3. This country is made up of one main island and 63 other tiny islands, most of which are uninhabited.

## student stories



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# Universities providing greater diversity in course offerings

- The rise of short-term programs as a pathway to overseas study outside of the traditional exchange model:
  - study tours;
  - practical placements and internships;
  - summer courses; and
  - other programs of short-duration (generally a few weeks).

# National Work Integrated Learning Strategy

- Partners:

- UA
- Australian Collaborative Education Network
- Australian Industry Group
- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Business Council of Australia
- Department of Education and Training
- Office of the Chief Scientist

# National WIL Strategy

- Why?
- Who does it benefit?
- What are the barriers?
- How do we work together?

# Opportunities for overseas internships/placements

- Universities collaborate with domestic and multinational companies
- ANZ, KPMG, Siemens
- Employers value what an overseas placement brings to the skills of graduates

There is still a long way to go

