ESTIMATE OF STUDENT EXPENSES FOR THE SPRING 2013
COLGATE STUDY GROUP IN WOLLONGONG, AUSTRALIA

March 8, 2012

The following is an estimate of student expenses beyond tuition and student fees. It is based on expense reports provided by members of previous Australia Study Groups and the latest available information from Professor Gogel. These dollar figures have had 5% added for inflation and were calculated at an average exchange rate of 1.01352 U. S. dollars per AU dollar (as of March 8, 2012). Where student-reported figures are listed, the average and the range are included. You should not assume that these amounts will be sufficient without careful spending!

REMEMBER THAT THE COSTS LISTED HERE ARE BASED ON ESTIMATES IN THE LOCAL CURRENCY. WITH THE FLUCTUATING DOLLAR, COSTS MORE THAN LIKELY WILL CHANGE BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME THE STUDY GROUP DEPARTS.

A) AMOUNT BILLED BY COLGATE BEYOND TUITION

$7,078 Estimated room, board and fees in Wollongong (Room charge will vary by room selection) (Estimate based on $6,984 AUD/semester.)
253 Room & board on field trips ($250 AUD)
+ 193 Required health insurance ($190 AUD)
$7,524 Total Billed by Colgate Beyond Tuition – Estimate based on exchange rate

B) TRANSPORTATION – NOT BILLED BY COLGATE

$2,800 Estimate roundtrip airfare NYC/Sydney – a connecting flight may increase cost
Includes $100 Wollongong to Sydney airport return (UoW accommodations services provides airport pick up upon arrival.)

C) NECESSARY OUT-OF-POCKET LIVING EXPENSES - NOT BILLED BY COLGATE

$541 Food in addition to that provided at University of Wollongong - group average (range = $200-$1,500)
570 Visa Fee (This is paid on-line.)
Necessary expenses: books, local transportation, printing fees, etc. - group average
+ 570 (range = $200-$1,000)
$1,681 Total Estimated Necessary Out-of-Pocket Expenses - Group Average

D) PERSONAL EXPENSES - NOT BILLED BY COLGATE

$3,299 Personal expenses for daily living incidentals. This estimate also includes a modest amount for entertainment, internet, gym membership and personal travel. The range for personal spending and personal travel is $717 - $7,254.

TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES BEYOND TUITION (A+B+C+D)
(A) $ 7,524  Amount billed by Colgate beyond tuition
(B) 2,800  Transportation to study group site (estimate provided for budgetary purposes)
(C+D) $ 4,980  Total estimated out-of-pocket and personal expenses - group average
$15,304  TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES BEYOND TUITION
- 6,553  Minus on-campus room and meals ($5,325) and on-campus expenses ($1,000) according to the Financial Aid Office
$ 8,751  TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES BEYOND AN ON-CAMPUS SEMESTER

INCREASES IN THE AID "PACKAGE" WILL BE BASED UPON THE ABOVE FIGURES.

Some students may incur additional expenses. These may include but are not limited to travel and visa-related costs. It is your responsibility to understand and plan for the costs unique to your situation.