



Summary of Costs – Travel to Davos, January 2023

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Purpose of Attendance

The Hon Julie Bishop (Chancellor), Professor Brian Schmidt (Vice-Chancellor), and Distinguished Professor Genevieve Bell attended the 2023 World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland, as part of the Australian National University's delegation. Their participation aligned with the university's strategic priorities in global engagement, climate leadership, philanthropy, and higher education policy.

The key objectives of the delegation's attendance included:

- Representing ANU on the global stage as Australia's national university and showcasing its leadership in addressing major global challenges such as climate change, technological innovation, and mental health in higher education.
- Advancing the ANU Below Zero initiative, with a focus on demonstrating how ANU is contributing to a net-zero future and collaborating with international universities and industry to achieve emissions reduction.
- Engaging with international stakeholders and donors to strengthen partnerships, build philanthropic relationships, and generate interest in ANU research strengths and institutional priorities.
- Participating in high-level meetings and events with global leaders from government, academia, industry, and civil society to influence discussions on education, sustainability, technology, and global cooperation.
- Hosting the Australia in Davos reception, a key networking event that brought together approximately 80 guests, including Australian and international leaders, to promote the university's mission, connect with alumni, and showcase Australian wine and hospitality.

The information includes return flights, accommodation, incidental costs, and the 'Australia in Davos' reception. All figures are in Australian Dollars (AUD).

Flights and Trains

Name	Amount (AUD)
Julie Bishop (Chancellor)	\$20,097.25
Brian Schmidt (Vice-Chancellor)	\$16,950.82
Director, Communications & Engagement (ACE)	\$11,586.00
Corporate Communications Manager (ACE)	\$4,500.00
Head of Principal Gifts	\$2,750.00
Genevieve Bell	\$17,668.30

Accommodation

Location	Amount (AUD)
Klosters	\$17,400.00
Halkin Hotel	\$3,205.14
Zurich Hotel	\$2,400.00
Hotel Vereina	\$4,788.30

Incidental Costs

	Amount (AUD)
Meals, transport, COVID tests	\$6,014.82

ANU-Hosted Reception: Australia in Davos

	Amount (AUD)
Venue hire, catering, beverages (including Australian wine), hotel meeting room use	\$78,500.00

Total ANU-Associated Costs

\$185,860.63 AUD

Notes

- Brian Schmidt, Genevieve Bell and Julie Bishop attended multiple meetings and events with global stakeholders; ACE staff supported media engagement, event logistics, and strategic communications.
- Professor Schmidt and Professor Bell also participated in the IARU Presidents' Meeting in Zurich prior to Davos, which has been included in their flights.