About New Colombo Plan

The New Colombo Plan (NCP) is a signature initiative of the Australian Government which aims to lift knowledge of the Indo-Pacific in Australia by supporting young Australians to study and undertake internships in the region.

NCP Scholarships are designed to support Australian students with overseas study in the Indo-Pacific and up to $20,000 to cover tuition fees along with additional funds to assist with travel, living expenses and language support.

NCP Scholarship programs can be undertaken in 40 Indo-Pacific host locations.

Eligibility

To be considered you must undertake a mandatory study component in an approved location (this can be for one or two semesters), and may also like to undertake language training and an internship and/or mentorship during your time overseas. Students proposing to undertake longer study programs and/or language training and/or internships/mentorships may be viewed more favourably.

You must have achieved a minimum of 70% graded average or equivalent in your current undergraduate program at the time of application. You must be between the ages of 18 and 28 years of age undertaking a Bachelor or Honours degree.

When assessing your application, the Government will take into consideration academics (not just results but awards such as VC Awards, Golden Key membership, etc.), leadership in the community and how you plan to contribute back to the NCP program.

Application Process

To be invited to apply for a NCP Scholarship you must firstly be nominated by us, FedUni. Nominated students are then invited to apply for a Scholarship by DFAT and provided with application guidance.

FedUni can nominate up to 10 students to be invited to apply for a Scholarship.

Your nomination is required no later than the 9th of July, to allow for internal shortlisting of students and final confirmation of nomination before the nomination deadline for DFAT which closes on the 31st of July.

Please note, students are to have a national police check to be submitted with their nomination. This police check may take up to 4 weeks to be received from application.

Questions?

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"If someone told me that I could be supported to live and study in the Indo-Pacific region, where everyday I would do fun and challenging things, try new amazing food, be given access to exclusive events, learn a new language or do an internship, be part of an exciting group of other students living across Asia, and have the chance to travel, I wouldn’t believe them. But that is what the New Colombo Plan offers."

- Chris Hams, FedUni New Colombo Plan Scholar, University of Hong Kong