NEW COLOMBO PLAN
FUTURE LEADERS
BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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Connect to Australia’s future - study in the region

Australian Government
Cover photo: New Colombo Plan Scholar Cindy Huang, Macquarie University, during her NCP experience in Japan.
40 Locations Across the Indo-Pacific Region.

- Nauru
- New Caledonia
- Nepal
- Niue
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Republic of Korea
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu
- Vietnam
17,500 Australian undergraduates supported 2014–2017.

200+ organisations have registered opportunities on the NCP Internships Portal.

SCHOLARS, UNIVERSITIES AND BUSINESS HAVE ACCESSED THE PORTAL 7,000+ TIMES.

More than 90% of alumni say their NCP experience has made them more regionally-literate and work ready.
INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE LEADERS

The Australian Government’s New Colombo Plan is providing a new generation of Australians with practical experience living, studying and gaining workplace skills in the Indo-Pacific region.

These experiences can be transformative, shaping new futures for our students and new opportunities for Australia.

The Australian Government recognises the benefits of a labour force equipped to do business in our region, and work placements are a hallmark of the New Colombo Plan.

These opportunities enable New Colombo Plan students to test their skills in real life situations, build cross-cultural competencies and develop professional networks.

Students return to Australia with the practical skills and maturity to make an early contribution to Australia’s engagement with our neighbours and to our national prosperity.

I have been delighted by the enthusiastic embrace of the New Colombo Plan by the business community, which has provided overseas opportunities for young Australians.

As the program continues to expand in the years ahead, continued private-sector support and engagement, together with support from Australia’s universities, will be critical to its success.

New Colombo Plan Business Champions advocate the value of Indo-Pacific study and work-based experience to the Australian community.

For details visit dfat.gov.au/new-colombo-plan/business
I encourage business to become involved with the following initiatives:

The New Colombo Plan Internship and Mentorship Network allows organisations to register online their interest in offering work placements to New Colombo Plan students studying overseas.

The Mobility Partners Program is supporting Australian universities to develop innovative partnerships with the private-sector to create new opportunities for New Colombo Plan mobility students.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to connect your business with the New Colombo Plan and associate your business with one of our exceptional scholars.

These programs support the efforts of universities, business and government to deliver new opportunities for Australian students and to build the future productivity and prosperity of our nation.

The Hon Julie Bishop MP
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Minister for Foreign Affairs with some of the inaugural Business Champions at the launch of the NCP business program.
CONNECT TO PEOPLE
The ongoing support of the business community in Australia and the region is crucial to the program’s success and the realisation of its potential as a transformative foreign policy initiative.

Everything you need to know about business opportunities can be found at ncpbusiness.dfat.gov.au

These experiences will form lifelong skills and passion that will boost business around the region for many years to come.

Jayne Hrdlicka
JETSTAR GROUP CEO
NCP BUSINESS CHAMPION

The NCP offers an opportunity to do our part to nurture young globally minded talent, develop a new generation of leaders and identify potential future employees.

David Fried
CEO EMERGING MARKETS
QBE INSURANCE

My NCP internship and mentorship experiences have immeasurably contributed to my professional growth. I feel I can now confidently pursue my ambitions with greater clarity, aiming to establish a career in the Indo-Pacific.

Emma Moore
MONASH UNIVERSITY

The NCP is building the understanding and networks of our future leaders in Asia.

Andrew Parker
ASIA PRACTICE LEAD PARTNER
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