New Colombo Plan Fact Sheet

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

The NCP began in 2014 with a pilot program in four host locations and spans 40 eligible destinations across the Indo-Pacific.

In its first four years the NCP is supporting around 17,500 students to complete overseas experiences through scholarships or mobility programs in 34 Indo-Pacific locations.

As the program expands, we expect the NCP will provide such opportunities for over 10,000 Australian undergraduates each year.

Internships, mentorships and practicums are a hallmark of the NCP and provide students with opportunities to enhance their skills in real life situations, build cross-cultural competencies and develop professional networks that can last a lifetime.

The NCP Alumni Program supports alumni to maintain a connection to each other, the NCP and the Indo-Pacific region as they progress in their lives and careers.

The Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) is the official Patron of the NCP.

Quick Facts
- The NCP includes a prestigious scholarships program for study of up to one year and internships or mentorships for more than 100 high-performing undergraduates each year.
- Flexible mobility grants programs support thousands of students each year to undertake semester study, short-term study programs, internships, practicums, research and clinical placements.
- The NCP is open to Australian undergraduates aged 18 to 28 studying any academic discipline at an Australian university, with capacity to include some students over 28 in the mobility program.
- More than 200 organisations have registered workplace opportunities in the region for NCP students on the NCP Internship and Mentorship Network Portal (ncpbusiness.dfat.gov.au).
- The NCP Alumni Program is open to all NCP students on completion of their award and offers members a range of benefits including access to exclusive networking events, professional development and mentoring opportunities, and membership to a growing online community.

How to get involved
Close partnerships between governments, universities and business support the implementation of the NCP.

NCP programs are demand-driven and flexible – arrangements for study, internships and mentorships are made by universities, their students and businesses to suit the needs of all parties. Interested organisations should contact the New Colombo Plan Secretariat.

For further information, visit www.dfat.gov.au/new-colombo-plan, like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/newcolomboplan), follow us on Twitter (@NewColomboPlan), or contact ncp.secretariat@dfat.gov.au