

NCP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS 2021 APPLICATION ROUND

What is the NCP Scholarship Program?

The New Colombo Plan Scholarship Program provides opportunities for Australian undergraduate students to undertake semester-based study, language training, and internships or mentorships for up to 19 months in 40 participating Indo-Pacific locations.

Where can I go?

40 locations in the Indo-Pacific region:

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| - Bangladesh | - India | - Nauru | - Singapore |
| - Bhutan | - Indonesia | - Nepal | - Solomon Islands |
| - Brunei Darussalam | - Japan | - New Caledonia | - Sri Lanka |
| - Cambodia | - Kiribati | - Niue | - Taiwan |
| - China | - Laos | - Pakistan | - Thailand |
| - Cook Islands | - Malaysia | - Palau | - Timor-Leste |
| - Federated States of Micronesia | - Maldives | - Papua New Guinea | - Tonga |
| - Fiji | - Marshall Islands | - Philippines | - Tuvalu |
| - French Polynesia | - Mongolia | - Republic of Korea | - Vanuatu |
| - Hong Kong SAR | - Myanmar | - Samoa | - Vietnam |

Am I eligible to apply?

To be considered for the NCP Scholarship, you must:

- be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree at Victoria University
- have completed one year of undergraduate study at the time of departure
- achieved a minimum credit average of 70%
- be aged 18-28 (inclusive) on 1 January 2021
- be an Australian Citizen

What does the Scholarship provide?

The scheme provides financial support for:

- tuition fees for academic and language study (not exceeding \$20,000 in total)
- a travel allowance of \$2,500
- an establishment allowance of \$2,500
- a monthly stipend of \$2,500 for living costs, and other benefits

Why would I want to apply for an NCP Scholarship?

Beyond the financial benefits, scholarship recipients gain a lot of other benefits, including:

- understanding a new culture by living in a foreign country in the Indo-Pacific region
- enhancing your employability by building professional networks and sharpening your transferable skills such as communication, cultural sensitivity, problem solving and teamwork
- accelerating personal growth in areas such as resilience, adaptability, maturity, self-confidence, and even make new discoveries about yourself, interest and talents
- making lasting friendships with people of different cultural backgrounds
- becoming a life-long member to the NCP community of worldly thinkers, explorers, and achievers

On what basis are successful applicants selected?

To be considered for an NCP scholarship, you must be able to demonstrate:

- academic excellence at the tertiary level
- leadership and engagement in the community
- adaptability and resilience
- ability to contribute to NCP strategic objective and outcomes

I'm interested! How do I apply?

To submit a formal application for the NCP Scholarship Program, you must be nominated by Victoria University to apply. To express your interest in applying:

1. make a short video (up to 2 minutes) to:
 - introduce yourself
 - explain your interest in applying for the NCP Scholarship
 - specify the destination you would like to study or undertake an internship/mentorship
 - describe how you would hope to benefit from studying or working overseas
2. upload your video to a video sharing site such as Panopto or YouTube
3. email your CV, including the video link, by **Friday, 29 May 2020** to educationabroad@vu.edu.au.

If you are shortlisted after you've expressed your interest, we'll be in contact with you in mid-June to advise you the details of a **compulsory group session on 29 June 2020**. Shortlisted candidates from the group session will be invited to **an interview on 1 July 2020**. We will be submitting a small number of strong applications, and we'll help you through each stage of the application process to increase the likelihood of your applications being successful.

How can I find out more?

Information on the DFAT website is accessible at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/new-colombo-plan/scholarship-program/Pages/scholarship-program.aspx>

News on Victoria University's NCP scholars is accessible at:

<https://www.vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/fees-scholarships/scholarships/bachelor-degree-honours-scholarships/new-colombo-plan-scholarship>

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