



# 2025 New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarship - Expression of Interest

This is an Expression of Interest (EOI) Form for the **NCP Scholarship 2025 Round**.

**This scholarship is open to Australian undergraduate students who are Australian citizens and between 18 to 30 years of age (18-35 for Indigenous Students). There is no minimum graded average (WAM) requirement.**

The New Colombo Plan is an initiative of the Australian Government which aims to lift knowledge of the Indo-Pacific in Australia by supporting Australian undergraduates to undertake study, language training and internships in the Indo-Pacific.

The NCP particularly encourages participation from students from a diverse range of backgrounds including, but not limited to: First Nations students, students from a low socio-economic status background, students from regional/remote areas or universities, students who are first in their immediate family to attend university, students across the genders, female students studying in non-traditional fields, students with a disability, and students from non-English speaking backgrounds. Extensive support is provided for these students and specialised arrangements can be put in place.

Please read the following before completing this form:

**Overview of the New Colombo Plan (NCP):**

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/new-colombo-plan/about>

**General information about the NCP Scholarship:**

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/new-colombo-plan/new-colombo-plan-scholarship-program>

**NCP Scholarship 2025 Round Advice to Applicants:**

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/new-colombo-plan/new-colombo-plan-scholarship-program/2025-scholarship-program-advice-applicants>

**For inspiration, check out what previous NCP Scholars have done:**

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/ncp-2024-scholars-booklet.pdf>

Student EOIs will be reviewed and short listed by an ECU panel. Selected candidates will then be invited to apply via the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Application portal.

Please reach out to [international.office@ecu.edu.au](mailto:international.office@ecu.edu.au) if you have any questions or need assistance. Please include "**NCP Scholarships 2025 Round**" in the email subject line.

Good luck!

\* Required

\* This form will record your name, please fill your name.

### Personal Details



Please complete the following details about yourself

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Gender? \*

Please select your gender.

- M
- F
- X/Other
- Prefer not to say

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Date of Birth? \*

Eligible students must be aged from 18 to 30 (inclusive) at the commencement of their Scholarship Program (2025).  
Eligible Indigenous Students can be between ages 18 to 35.

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ECU Student ID? \*

Please provide your ECU Student ID number.

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Australian Citizen? \*

I confirm that I am an Australian Citizen and will be travelling on an Australian passport. (This is a requirement for NCP Scholars).

- Yes

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## Dual Citizenship? \*

Please select yes to confirm you understand the following: I must not undertake my scholarship in a Host Location in which I have citizenship or residency rights; or in which I have previously had citizenship or residency rights.

 Yes

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## Dual Citizenship/Residency Details?

If applicable, please indicate the country where you have Dual Citizenship or residency rights?

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## Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? \*

Please indicate whether you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin. Please note that the NCP aims to maximise the diversity of NCP scholarship recipients.

 No Yes Prefer not to say

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## ECU course? \*

Please provide the name of your ECU course e.g. Bachelor of Arts. Please note you must be enrolled in a Bachelor Degree or Bachelor Honours Degree to be eligible.

## Scholarship Program Details

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Why are you applying for the NCP Scholarship? \*

*Please explain your reasons for applying for an NCP Scholarship. (Approximately 200 words).*

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What is your intended program? \*

*Please provide details of the core study component of your planned NCP Scholarship program. Please note that you do not need to have confirmed plans at this stage, just an idea. For example - Student Exchange at University X in Country X studying XYZ.*



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## Primary host location? \*

*In which Primary Destination Country do you intend to undertake this Scholarship Program? Please note that this must be one of the 40 Indo-Pacific Host Locations.*

*NCP scholarship programs cannot commence (or continue) in a host location (or region within a host location) for which the Smartraveller advice is 'Do not travel' or 'Reconsider your need to travel'*

[\(https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/\)](https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/)

- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Brunei Darussalam
- Cambodia
- China
- Cook Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Fiji
- French Polynesia
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Kiribati
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Marshall Islands
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nauru
- Nepal
- New Caledonia
- Niue
- Pakistan
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea

- Philippines
- Republic of Korea
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu
- Vietnam





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## Secondary host location? \*

*In which Secondary Destination Country do you intend to undertake this Scholarship Program? Please note that this must be one of the 40 eligible NCP Indo-Pacific Host Locations. See <https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/new-colombo-plan/about>*

*Scholars may apply to undertake their study and/or Internship component in more than one eligible Host Location and/or Host Institution/Organisation, where it adds meaningful value to the core Scholarship Program. Priority will however, be given to applicants who undertake all of their program in the Primary Destination.*

*Students can select a maximum of 2 secondary host locations.*

- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Brunei Darussalam
- Cambodia
- China
- Cook Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Fiji
- French Polynesia
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Kiribati
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Marshall Islands
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nauru
- Nepal
- New Caledonia
- Niue
- Pakistan
- Palau

- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Republic of Korea
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Tonga
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu
- Vietnam

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**Primary Host institution? \***

*Please list the primary host institution where you intend to undertake your program (i.e. the name of the University). This must be in your Primary Destination you selected earlier.*

*ECU has exchange partnerships with several universities throughout the Indo-Pacific. For a full list, please see <https://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/international-office/our-services/outbound-learning-abroad/student-exchange>.*

*Please note that if you select one of these universities, you will also need to complete an application for Student Exchange. More details can be found here - <https://intranet.ecu.edu.au/student/my-studies/study-opportunities/study-overseas/exchange/applying>.*

*Please note you could also choose a university which ECU is NOT partnered with.*

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Secondary Host institution(s) name and location?

*If you plan to undertake part of your scholarship in another institution (i.e. a 'Secondary Host Institution' then please put the details here (i.e. the name of the University or organisation). Scholars can opt to undertake part of their program at a secondary host institution where it adds meaningful value to the core Scholarship Program.*

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*Please note you could also choose a university which ECU is NOT partnered with.*

*This must be in one of the Secondary host locations you selected in the previous question.*

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When do you plan to commence your proposed Scholarship Program? \*

*Please remember that you do not need to have confirmed plans at this stage. Scholarship programs can range from 3 months - 19 months in length.*

- Sem 1 2025
- Sem 2 2025
- Sem 1 2026
- Undecided

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Internship/Mentorship component? \*

*Do you plan to undertake an Internship/Mentorship as part of your Scholarship Program? Please note that you do not need any confirmed plans at this stage. We would encourage you to put 'Yes' and the NCP will assist you to work out the details later (if you are selected).*

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

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Details of the Internship/Mentorship.

*For example - which company/organisation would you work at, for how long, what sorts of activities would you participate in? Please note that these details do not need to be already confirmed, they can just be ideas at this stage. The minimum duration for this component is 2 weeks. Examples of appropriate internship host organisations include local businesses, institutions, peak bodies, NGOs, civil society organisations, universities and research agencies that are headquartered in the region, and multilateral organisations.*

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## Work Integrated Learning (WIL) component? \*

*Do you plan to undertake a Work Integrated Learning (WIL) experience as part of your Scholarship Program? Please note that you do not need any confirmed plans at this stage. We would encourage you to put 'Yes' and the NCP will assist you to work out the details later (if you are selected).*

- Yes
- No
- Not sure yet.

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## Details of Work Integrated Learning (WIL) component?

*For example - which company/organisation would you work at, for how long, what sorts of activities would you participate in? Please note that these details do not need to be already confirmed, they can just be ideas at this stage.*

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## Language learning component?

*Do you plan to undertake a Language Learning Component experience as part of your Scholarship Program? Please note that you do not need any confirmed plans at this stage. We would encourage you to put 'Yes' and the NCP will assist you to work out the details later (if you are selected). Students who have have language study (particularly longer term language study) as a focus in their NCP program are prioritised.*

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

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## Details of Language Component

*Please provide details of your proposed language learning component. For example - where would you study (possible organisations/institutions), what language(s) you would learn and how this would complement the study component of your program and deepen your experience at the host location. These can be vague ideas at this stage. The minimum duration for this component is 2 weeks.*

## NCP Scholarship Assessment Criteria



**Criterion 1 Academic excellence at the tertiary level.** Assessment of this criterion will relate to the applicant's demonstrated higher-order cognitive skills, creativity, innovation, communication skills, problem-solving skills and critical thinking skills in their university study. Applicants may also draw on academic achievements such as academic awards and commendations, publications, or other examples of academic excellence at the tertiary level. High school academic achievements will not be considered.

**Criterion 2: Leadership and engagement in the Community.** Assessment of this criterion will relate to the applicant's demonstrated leadership and engagement in the community, including in volunteer and not-for-profit roles, employment and/or other activities they have undertaken locally, nationally, overseas and/or at their university. Applicants should provide an example of a leadership role they have undertaken.

**Criterion 3: Adaptability and Resilience.** Assessment of this criterion will relate to the applicant's demonstrated ability to adapt to change and thrive in a different environment, and their resilience in the face of challenges.

**Criterion 4: Ability to contribute to NCP strategic objectives and outcomes.** Assessment of this criterion will relate to the applicant's demonstrated understanding of the strategic objective and outcomes of the NCP program, and how the applicant and their proposed scholarship program would contribute to the NCP strategic objective and outcomes, including on return to Australia.

Please review the Advice to Applicants <https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/new-colombo-plan/new-colombo-plan-scholarship-program/2025-scholarship-program-advice-applicants>. Scroll down to 'Tips for successful applications' prior to completing each criteria.

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Please upload a statement addressing the 4 NCP Selection Criteria above. \*

Please submit this as a word document and ensure responses are a maximum of 300 words for each of the 4 criteria. More information may be requested if your application progresses to the next round.

↑ Upload file

File number limit: 1 Single file size limit: 1GB Allowed file types: Word, Excel, PPT, PDF, Image, Video, Audio

## Declaration and consent

*Important: Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995.*

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### Declaration: Enrolment in Undergraduate Study \*

*I understand that to be eligible for an NCP scholarship - I must be enrolled and undertaking: at least one Bachelor degree, Bachelor Honours degree or eligible undergraduate language-focused course until the completion of all components of the NCP Scholarship Program.*

Yes

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### Declaration - True and Accurate Information. \*

*I declare that the information I have supplied on this form is complete, true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.*

Yes

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### Consent - Use and Disclosure of Information. \*

*I give my consent to Edith Cowan University to use and/or disclose my application and all supporting documents and relevant personal information to the external scholarship provider for the purpose of shortlisting and selection. This includes my ECU official Academic Transcript.*

Yes

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### Consent for a Police Check. \*

*I consent to the NCP conducting a police check if my application progresses to the next stage.*

Yes

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### Personal details \*

*Please provide any information that you feel may be important to your participation in this program. This includes any medical conditions or disabilities that may affect your participation and successful completion of the program and/or require special arrangements or supports. Please be assured this will be kept confidential.*

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