

APPLICATION WORKSHOP

2024 New Colombo Plan Scholarship



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and celebrate the First Australians on whose traditional lands we meet, and pay our respect to the elders past and present.



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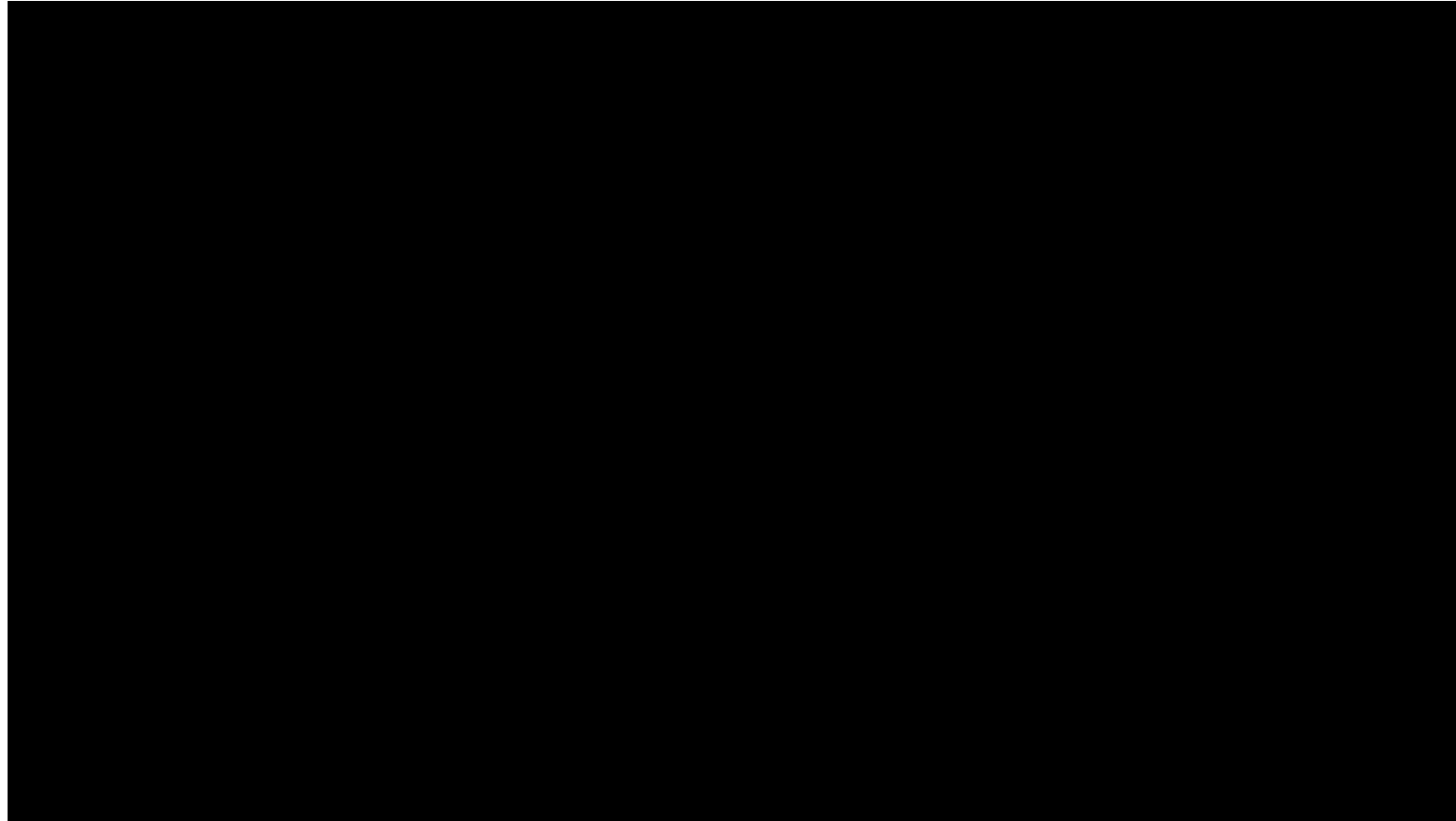
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NCP Overview



<https://www.anu.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/global-programs/funding-information/new-colombo-plan-scholarship>



NCP Scholarship Snapshot

An NCP Scholarship can provide each recipient with the following:

- Travel allowance up to \$2,500
- Establishment allowance up to \$2,500
- Monthly stipend up to \$2,500 per month
- Tuition fees up to \$20,000 maximum
- Support for language training up to \$1,500
- Health and travel insurance for the duration of the scholar's program.
- A dedicated case manager for the duration of the scholar's program, who provides services including pre-departure briefings, advice on health and travel insurance, advice and assistance relating to accommodation, and payment of allowances.
- NCP Fellows additional \$1,000 for study materials.
- NCP scholarship recipients will also have the opportunity to participate in an awards ceremony.
- In total, students may get up to AUD \$67,000 for credit-bearing studies overseas and take part in internships, that span over a semester or up to 19 months (*please note the sum varies for each selected NCP scholar, depending on their NCP proposal*).

(please refer to the DFAT website and guidelines for further details)



How to Apply

1 Check your eligibility

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The screenshot displays the 'Global programs' section of the ANU website. At the top, there are navigation links for 'View published', 'Reassign content', and 'File Shell'. Below this is a utility bar with icons for 'Email', 'Wattle', 'ISIS', 'Timetable', 'Programs & courses', 'Library', 'ANUCC', and 'Figtree'. The main content area features a paragraph about enhancing the ANU learning experience with international opportunities, followed by a 'Book an appointment' button and a 'Browse available programs' button. Below this are six program cards: 'Understanding overseas study', 'Short course options', 'Exchange', 'Other semester-length options', 'Funding information', and 'Find us on'. The 'Funding information' card is highlighted with a yellow circle. The 'Find us on' card lists social media links for Facebook, Instagram, and WordPress, all labeled 'ANU Global Programs'.



1 Check your eligibility

To be eligible for the NCP Scholarship, and to remain eligible during the Scholarship Program if a Scholarship is awarded, Applicants must (please see [NCP Scholarship guidelines](#) Section 4.1):

- a) have been nominated for the NCP Scholarship Program by their Home University (ANU).
- b) be an Australian citizen.
- c) not be a current citizen or permanent resident of their proposed Primary Location or any Secondary Location.
- d) be an undergraduate student, be enrolled in and undertaking, until completion of all Study Components, at least one Bachelor Degree or Bachelor Honours Degree unit at an on-shore campus of an Australian University.
- e) be between 18 and 30 years of age (inclusive) for non-indigenous applicants or between 18 and 35 years of age (inclusive) for indigenous applicants on 1 January 2024.
- f) have achieved a minimum 70 per cent graded average or equivalent for their undergraduate course at the time of Application, as determined by the nominating Home University.
- g) not be a previous recipient of a Scholarship under the NCP Scholarship Program, and
- h) not be an employee of the branch of DFAT that administers the NCP.

Successful Applicants are not permitted to commence another Australian Government funded off-shore scholarship or mobility grant (including under a NCP Mobility Program grant) while undertaking their NCP Scholarship Program.

For full eligibility, please refer to the DFAT NCP Scholarship Guidelines



1 Check your eligibility



ROOM AVAILABLE IN DEGREE (RAID)

Students must have a minimum of 24 ANU units available in their ANU degree to participate in the study component.

Complete your RAID request in the Global Program System and your academic college(s) will complete the assessment.

For study components that are one year long, 48 units must be available in your degree.

48 ✓ 48 UNITS COMPLETED

You must have completed 48 ANU units before your study component starts.

You can still apply if you have not completed 48 ANU units, as long as you complete 48 ANU units by the time you go overseas

Make sure to talk to your ANU Academic College to ensure that you have room in your degree for learning abroad.



2 ANU Selection Process

Students must apply to ANU to be considered for nomination to DFAT.

- a) Please complete the [ANU online NCP Scholarship application](#) on the Global Program System. Applications close **31 May 2023**.
- b) Applicants must also [submit an exchange application](#) through the ANU Global Programs System for Semester 1 or Semester 2, 2024 or consider [independent learning abroad studies](#) in 2024 at the same time as completing an NCP scholarship application. Applicants will need to seek academic college approval through the online RAID (Room Available in Degree) assessment when you complete the online application, for your proposed exchange or learning abroad proposal. All studies proposed must be credit-bearing studies.
- c) Applications will be assessed and shortlisted by a panel of ANU staff. Eligible candidates will be shortlisted and may be required to attend an interview with ANU in **June 2023**.



3 DFAT Selection Process

The top 10 (subject to change) ANU candidates will be recommended to DFAT for consideration.

- a) ANU Global Programs will liaise with nominated candidates about how to best frame their applications and prepare for an interview throughout **July and August 2023**.
- b) The final selection process will be administered by DFAT, and nominated applicants will be invited to attend a face-to-face interview with a panel during **September and October 2023**.
- c) All successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the outcome of the DFAT selection process in **November 2023**.



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Application Tips

- ✓ Understanding yourself
- ✓ General tips for a strong application
- ✓ How to structure responses in the application – STAR explained
- ✓ ANU Career Toolkit
- ✓ Advice from a 2022 NCP Scholar



Preparation is essential

Understand yourself

Strengths, skills, knowledge, values, experiences – what is it that you have to offer, why do you want this scholarship?

Research the program and its objectives

Try to put yourself in the shoes of the NCP selection panel; what skills/qualities/knowledge are sought, what demonstrates your suitability best to them, what would make a great NCP scholar?

Understanding the application process

What do you need to supply or complete? Word count, meeting the objectives, lessons learnt from previous rounds.



General tips for a strong application

1) Clear vision/passion –your own ‘narrative’

- Weave this through the application
- Show your understanding of the NCP goals throughout

2) Clear and concrete examples

- Fewer examples that relate to your ‘common thread’ are most effective
- Use shortened version of STAR method in examples
- Explain how each example has assisted you to grow as a person and/or achieve your goals



General tips for a strong application

4) Demonstrate what you can contribute to the NCP as a national policy

- Why are you worth investing in? *Not just what you can get out of NCP.*

5) Use key NCP terminology from website (but don't overdo it!)

- 'people to people links translating to bilateral ties'
- 'a generation of culturally and linguistically fluent young leaders'

6) Demonstrate why YOU need the scholarship, and why DFAT needs you.



Your NCP activity plan

You will provide a summary of your proposed NCP Scholarship Program activity plan (approx. 500 words), including

- your proposed study component (compulsory),
- any language training, internships, mentorships or research activities (optional)

Provide a rough timeline of your proposed activities in 2024.

Outline how you propose to secure an internship, mentorship or research in the host country.

If you intend to study at a non-partner university, please confirm your proposed university's application process for study abroad or visiting students.

Note: Where Applicants have similarly meritorious claims in relation to the Assessment criteria, preference may be given to applicants proposing:

- longer periods of Study components
- an Internship component or a Mentorship
- a period (or longer periods) of Language training, and/or
- a Scholarship program with **coherent correlation** across the proposed Study component, Language training and Internship component



Assessment Criteria Responses

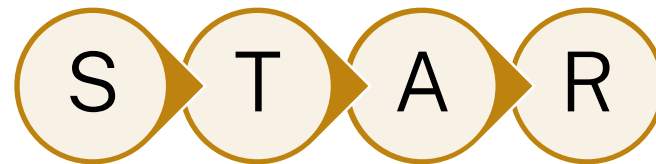
#1: Academic excellence at the tertiary level

#2: Leadership and engagement in the community

#3: Adaptability and resilience

#4: Ability to contribute to NCP strategic objectives and outcomes

- Consider a range of examples you could use for each criterion
- Select and prioritise the most relevant examples
- Strict word limit of 300 words for each criterion
- Describe examples fully – use STAR approach



Equity & Diversity

The New Colombo Plan and the ANU is committed to supporting equity and diversity with respect to accessibility of scholarship opportunities for all students.

Where Applicants have similarly meritorious claims in relation to the Assessment criteria, preference may be given to:

- a) achieving diversity of placement across Host locations
- b) representation from diverse student groups including but not limited to, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students, students from a low socio-economic status background, students from regional/remote areas, 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 a non-English speaking background
- c) diversity across fields of study and Australian universities
- d) how the proposal contributes to value with relevant money

Consider if there are any personal criteria you would like to mention in your application.



ANU Careers

Toolkit: <https://www.anu.edu.au/students/careers-opportunities/careers/career-resources/careers-toolkit>

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