

## **Information to help your School submit an application:**

### **1) New Colombo Plan – funding for study programs in the Indo-Pacific**

The New Colombo Plan is an Australian Government initiative that offers Australian undergraduates, who are Australian citizens and permanent residents, new opportunities for prestigious scholarships and grants for study and internships/ mentorships in the Indo-Pacific.

### **2) Where are the study locations?**

The New Colombo Plan encourages Australian universities to cooperate with regional institutions in new fields and locations, and deepen existing partnerships.

2016 NCP study locations are now as follows:

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

Please note, Murdoch University has considerable engagement with those countries underlined, and in particular strongly encourages the submission of new or existing programmes in countries that closely align with our international engagement strategy, specifically China, India, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Japan, Vietnam and the Philippines. Programmes that are hosted in these countries are more likely to gain university-wide support.

### **3) What programs are eligible for funding?**

A range of study programs are eligible for mobility funding. The Government differentiates between two program types; mobility and scholarships. Existing programs, as well as new programs, are eligible for funding.

**Mobility programs** – this can be any of the following program types;

- Semester-based study (up to 12 months)
- Combined Semester-based and Internship/ mentorship
- Short-term study
- Practicums
- Clinical placements
- Short-term research

Semester programs can be subsidised up to \$7,000 and short-term programs up to \$3,000. Murdoch University can use either **existing programs** (this is a new and important development of NCP, as in the past funding was only available for new programmes), or can **develop new study programs** that are for academic credit or are a mandatory course component.

**Scholarship programs** – this can be any of the following program types;

- Study of at least 6 or up to 12 months (1 or 2 semesters)
- Combined study and internship/mentorship (1 semester + internship)
- An additional 1 month Language training possible (in-country)

Students receive funding for travel, monthly stipends/living allowance, tuition fees and learning materials. Murdoch University can nominate up to 10 students. If you know students who would like to study at one of our Exchange partner universities such as in Hong Kong, Japan or South Korea, please contact Jeannette Geesmann at [j.geesmann@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:j.geesmann@murdoch.edu.au).

### **4) Existing programs – how can it be done?**

Schools can either apply for funding for programs that are already run by the School (as successfully applied for in the past), or can apply using a program that is offered by a third party provider. See examples below.

**Eg 1. CISAustralia** <http://www.cisaustralia.com.au> has a wide range of short-term programs on their website, that are taught at different Universities around the world (e.g. Law and Order or Political Politics at UCLA), usually during Summer or Winter. All of these programs are for credit and therefore meet the requirements for Government funding.

**Eg 2. The Global Student** <http://theglobalstudent.net/customised-programs/group-study-tours>. Jan Drew, who is based in Malaysia, offers short-term programs in Malaysia for Environmental Sciences, PR, IT or Education students. These tours have successfully run at other Australian universities for some time now. School Managers have been introduced to some of the programs above. For more information and to help you set up an existing program, please contact Jeannette in the Student Mobility Office on extension 7836.

#### **5) New programs – how to set it up?**

The School may be able to develop a short term programme (e.g. min 10 students visiting another university for three weeks), with its own contacts in the designated countries, or alternatively a third party provider can assist.

Third party providers can create a custom-made program for the School, such as a study tour, or the students can join an existing program already offered by the third party, that other students around Australia may also join.

It is often more viable to run a study tour that is offered university wide, to students from different schools and disciplines, but that offers a program that is general enough to suit different fields of study (and credit). Many universities prefer this option as students are able to share different views and academic knowledge across disciplines, and although one School may be the initial host or driver, all Schools find it easier to support. In these cases, a minimum of 10 students is usually achievable.

A study tour can give credit as a general elective or any other unit. Please note that the mobility program **has to be for credit**. The program has to run in 2016 or possibly even in the first half of 2017, but actual dates are yet to be confirmed.

#### **6) When to apply?**

Jeannette will send an email with the application form, guidelines and dates as soon as the Government has circulated them, but likely **mid/end March** 2015. Until then you can start preparing new initiatives and discuss if you would like to apply for an existing program.