New Colombo Plan 2018

Application workshop

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New Colombo Plan

- A$100 million since 2013, A$50 million/year in future years
- Lift knowledge of the Indo-Pacific in Australia by increasing the number of Australian undergraduate students undertaking study and Internships in the region
- Deepen Australia’s people-to-people and institutional relationships with the region
- Increase the number of work-ready Australian graduates with regional experience
- 10,000 students since 2013
- Current and past NCP students have access to networking event in-country, in Australia and internationally
Application process

• **Applications are now open:**
  • Email with application form and guidelines will be circulated
  • Create your program, stay in close contact with me
  • Address the objectives of the NCP in 2018
  • Address Selection criteria, different weighting

• **Applications deadline:** Friday 12th May COB

• **Internal Ranking:** We rank all projects internally before submission. If you have two projects, please rank these.

• **Outcome:** September/October

• **Projects commence:** as early as 1 January 2018
Eligibility criteria

- **Destination:** 40 Asian-Pacific Countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Hong Kong SAR, 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 and Vietnam.

- **Dates:** 1 January 2018 – 30 June 2019 (first year)

- **Students:**
  - Undergraduates
  - 18-28 years (10% can be 29+)
  - Australian citizens
  - Include students with a disability, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students and students from low SES background where possible
Eligibility criteria contd.

- **Student Funding**: Short-term ($1000 - $3000) and Semester
- **Administrative funding**: 10% of total student funding
  (10 students x $3,000 = $30,000 + $3,000 Admin)
- **Duration**: Minimum two weeks, up to six months
- **Mobility projects**:
  - Study, practicums, clinical placements, research, internships and mentorships
  - For academic credit

**Priority given to**:
- Projects of six weeks and longer
Eligibility criteria contd.

• **Multi-year funding (25%)**: apply for up to 3 years (upscale!):
  - 1 January 2018 – 30 June 2019
  - 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020
  - 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021

• **Selection criteria**: the most important part of the application!

• **Additional weighting**:
  - in-country language training, internships, mobility partnerships

Priority given to:

Mobility partnerships: Private sector organisations in Australia and the region (financial and in-kind support)
Advice from the Government

- Meet the selection criteria (Criterion 1 and 2 = 70%)
  - **Criterion 1**: Address both elements including examples – (i) **how** the project will *increase student knowledge* of the Indo-Pacific region and the host location (e.g. direct learning and engagement with local communities), and also (ii) **how** the project will *increase student mobility* (e.g. increasing the number of students able to participate or expanding program types or fields of study).
  - **Criterion 2**: Explain **how** your project **support new partnerships or strengthen and build on existing ones** - but also how the project partnership would be **maintained in the future** (e.g. through partnership agreements or other commitments).
Advice from the Government contd.

• **Criterion 3**: Explain and provide examples how the project would be promoted in Australia and the host location to **build awareness of the program**, its objectives and the benefits of study and internships in the Indo-Pacific (e.g. activities acknowledging Australian Government funding, proactive promotion of the project through the media, promotion of the NCP to relevant university staff and prospective participants, and student outreach).

• **Criterion 4 – 6**:
  
  • In-country language training (clearly describe the host)
  
  • internship component (clearly describe the host and activity)
  
  • Mobility sponsorship (in-kind and financial; how it makes a substantial contribution to the project)
Advice from the Government contd.

- **Multi-year**: Explain how the funding would support the applicant’s institutional strategy to increase and sustain student mobility to the Indo-Pacific (new opportunities to scale-up and sustain ongoing student mobility, and strengthen and enhance institutional links with the project partners).

- **Application summary**: Provide a clear and thorough summary of the project in the project description to provide a more informed assessment.

- In summary, strong mobility project applications in the past have been clear and concise, addressed all elements of each individual criterion and provided concrete examples to demonstrate how the criteria and NCP objectives will be achieved.
Advice from the Government contd.

- **Priority of six weeks programs:**
  - A program is not just preferred based on length— if three weeks program has stronger application than preferred.
  - If a program is shorter than six weeks, consider pre- and post-activities (e.g. two weeks in-country, but preparation/ classes beforehand and afterwards). Outline this in the application.
  - If the program is shorter due to capacity restrictions (host can only take students for three weeks), this should be mentioned.
  - If it is short as it is a new partner (i.e. you are testing the waters), this should be mentioned and also discuss your intention to grow numbers.
  - Explain why your program cannot be six weeks in length.
Advice from the Government contd.

- **Other last advice**
  - Multi-year: Don't forget that year one may include two trips - e.g. if it is in January and June. Make sure the student numbers are reflected correctly.
  - Be mindful of popular destinations. NCP prefer a more even spread across the countries so popular destinations are more competitive. Mongolia is a location of interest for NCP.
  - Please stick to the word limit.
  - Asialink pre-departure cross-cultural session. If students can go in-person, please encourage them to do so. If they can't, please get them to do the online pre-departure.
How to create a program?

• International contacts and opportunities? They might offer programs already.

• Does your School have priority countries? Target those.

• Speak to colleagues from other Australian universities.

• Need help creating your own program? Our Third Party Provider CISaustralia creates customised School-led programs (itinerary, risk management plan, 24/7 in-country support).

• Discuss possible project with me and seek advice and further support.
NCP Information Session

- The New Colombo Plan Secretariat of DFAT and the Department of Education and Training will hold a **Facebook Live information session** for Australian universities on 3 April to support their development of applications for funding under the 2018 New Colombo Plan mobility grants round.

- Like “New Colombo Plan” on facebook.

- Search for event “New Colombo Plan Mobility Program information session.

3 April 2017

14:00–15:00 UTC+10 (12:00 WA)
Don’t forget OS-Help!

- Government loan for students, towards HECS
- **Students:**
  - Commonwealth-supported students
  - can receive 2 loans in their student life
  - need a GPA of 2.0 (below, case by case decision)
  - Have to have completed 24 cp and have to have 3 cp left upon return
- **Funding:** Max. of $7,880 for a program; $1,050 language component
- **Programs:**
  - Have to be for credit
  - Have to be full-time during teaching period (eg. Winter = 3 cp)
Interested in a program outside Asia?

- **Other Government grants** are available if:
  - You would like to take your students to destinations outside the Asia Pacific Region ($2,000 with $1,500 staff subsidy)
  - You would like to take postgraduate students (Graduate Certificate and above) abroad
What’s next?

• Think about a program
• Discuss with potential mobility partner
• Alternatively get in contact with our provider CISAustralia in Queensland, who can assist in creating a program
• Stay in close contact with me
• Apply before 12 May COB

Good luck!
Questions?

Thank you

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