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Monash University

2023 New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarship Program

<https://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/outbound/financial/new-colombo-plan>

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Acknowledgement of Country

Monash acknowledges the people of the Kulin Nations, on whose land our Caulfield, Clayton and Peninsula campuses stand.

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, on whose land our Parkville campus stands.

We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging, and acknowledge the work of Indigenous Australians in making Australia a safer and more respectful community.





Information Session

1. 2023 New Colombo Plan Scholarship Overview
2. Monash Abroad's NCP Scholarship Application
3. How to apply for Exchange or Independent Study Abroad
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2023 New Colombo Plan Scholarship Overview



What are New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarships?



** Refer to the 'NCP Scholarship Eligibility Criteria' slide for changes to 2022 criteria regarding age limits.*





About the NCP Scholarship

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

- **120** prestigious and highly-competitive Scholarships
- **42** Universities in Australia, each can nominate up to 10 students
- Up to **\$69,000** benefits (Tuition fees, language training tuition fees, travel allowance, establishment allowance, monthly stipend, health and travel insurance and NCP Fellow additional benefit)





NCP Scholarship Locations

NCP Eligible Host Locations

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

Highlight = Locations with Monash Partner Institutions



NCP Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a Scholarship, and to remain eligible during the Scholarship Program if a Scholarship is awarded, you must meet all of the following criteria (see Section 4.1 of guidelines):

- be nominated for the NCP Scholarship Program by their Home university (see Section 4.2)
- be an Australian citizen
- not be a current citizen or permanent resident of their proposed host location(s)
- be enrolled in and undertaking, until completion of all study components of the NCP Scholarship Program, at least one Bachelor Degree or Bachelor Honours Degree at an Australian campus of an Australian university. (If a Scholar concludes their home degree requirements upon the completion of the mandatory study component of their NCP Scholarship Program, they may apply to DFAT for approval to continue to undertake any remaining component(s) of their NCP Scholarship Program. This will be considered on a case by case basis.)
- 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 2023
- 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
- not be a previous recipient of an NCP Scholarship, and
- not be an employee of the branch of DFAT that administers the NCP

[Read the full 2023 NCP Guidelines here.](#)





NCP Scholarships and NCP Mobility Grants

	NCP Scholarship	NCP Mobility Grants
Awarded to	Individual student	A group of students
Value	Up to \$69,000	Up to \$7,000
Funds	Semester length study (plus internship and language training)	Short-term or semester study
Assessed by	Monash Abroad and DFAT	Faculty (Short-Term)/ Monash Abroad (Semester)





Study Component and Eligible Activities

Mandatory Study Component

You must lodge a Semester Exchange or Independent Study Abroad application via the Monash Abroad Portal to be eligible for the NCP Scholarship.

As set out in Section 5.1(a), it is mandatory to undertake at least one Study Component as part of a Scholarship Program.

Refer to "[How to Apply](#)" website for more information.

Additional Activities

Internship/Mentorship Component

- Professional development relevant to academic qualification
- Do not need to be confirmed

Language Training

- Part-time language training is encouraged, if full time, up to 6 months
- Can not be a scholarship program alone

Community Engagement and Advocacy

- Engagement with NCP alumni community
- Advocate for the NCP goals
- Promote benefit of studying and working in the Indo-Pacific region





Application Timeline

When	What	Who
Sun, 19 June at 11:59pm	Deadline to submit your EOI in MAP	Applicants
Fri, 1 July	Shortlisted students are notified	Monash Abroad
4 - 8 July	Interviews	Applicants and Monash Abroad
Fri, 19 July	Monash nomination to DFAT	Monash Abroad
20 July - 16 August (applications close at 11:30 pm AEST)	Nominated students online application	Applicants
September 2022	DFAT Interview for shortlisted students	Applicants DFAT
Late October - early November 2022	Candidates notified for outcomes	Applicants DFAT
Tue, 15 October at 11:59pm	Deadline to submit exchange/ISA application for Semester 2, 2023 in MAP	Applicants





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Monash Abroad's NCP Scholarship Application



NCP Scholarship Expression of Interest (EOI) Application

Deadline to
submit
Sun, 19 June
at 11:59 pm

What is the EOI Application?

This is your application to Monash Abroad expressing your interest in applying for an NCP Scholarship.

Is the EOI Application required?

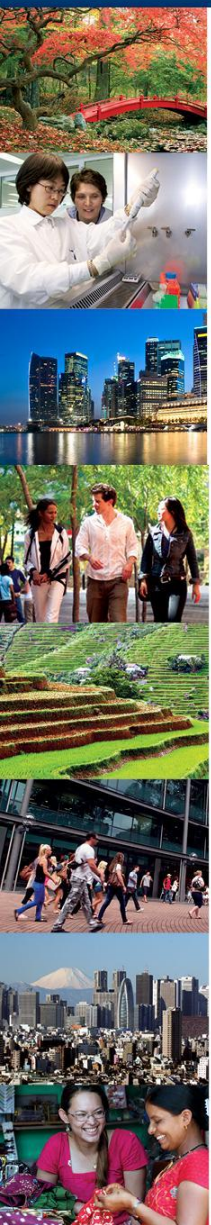
Yes, in order to be nominated by Monash University to DFAT, you must complete both the EOI Application and an Exchange or Study Abroad application by the deadline.

Where is the EOI Application?

The NCP Scholarship EOI Application is found in the Monash Abroad Portal (MAP).

[Click here to view the application.](#)





NCP Expression of Interest (EOI) Application

As part of your EOI, you will be asked to provide a written response on these topics.

Monash Abroad will use the indicated weighting in the assessment of your application.

Academic excellence at the tertiary level

25 percent weighting

Leadership and engagement in the community

25 percent weighting



Adaptability and resilience

25 percent weighting

Ability to contribute to New Colombo Plan objectives

25 percent weighting



EOI Application Tips

- Better articulation of your **motivations** for, and interest in, applying for the NCP and their choice of host location
- A defined and carefully considered **study plan and an internship or mentorship** (the latter does not need to have been confirmed or finalised at the time of application or interview)
- A strong awareness of how the scholarship would **benefit** the applicant's academic studies, and how an internship or mentorship might help applicants to define or achieve their future goals
- Greater **demonstration of academic accomplishments** at the university level
- Stronger **examples of leadership**, as opposed to participation, within the applicant's community activities
- Greater demonstration of a **capacity for self-reflection**, including an acknowledgement of personal limitations and identifying areas for improvement, and
- An **ability to relate** the scholarship proposal to the broader NCP goals and Australia's interests (in addition to the student's personal goals).

Check out DFAT's [Advice to Applicants](#)

Monash's [Career Connect](#) has great resources





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How to apply for Exchange or Independent Study Abroad



Monash Abroad Eligibility Requirements

Semester Exchange and Study Abroad	Undergrad (Coursework)
Of good academic standing*	✓
Minimum Monash WAM at end of semester within which you are registering	60%
Minimum credit points completed at time of registration of Study Plan with Monash Abroad	18
Minimum credit points completed at time of exchange program commencement	36
Obtained faculty course advice	✓
Study plan approval	✓
Satisfy any additional faculty requirements	✓
Studying equivalent of 18 – 24 credits per semester whilst overseas	✓

Read the full list of eligibility requirements: <https://tinyurl.com/MArequirements>

Host university minimum GPA/WAM requirement may be higher – remember to check!

You **MUST** have sufficient space left in your degree for exchange (18-24 credit points at commencement of program - i.e. Sem 2, 2022).



Semester Exchange

Important Dates

Action	Seek course planning advice from Faculties	Application Part A – Prepare Study Plan and register in MAP	Faculty assessment of Study Plan	Monash Abroad assessment of applications	Application Part B – Complete nomination and apply to host
Semester 1	Application Deadline 31 May				
Semester 2	July - September	15 October	July - December	December - February	February onwards

<https://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/overseas/your-application/covid-faqs>





Exchange

Study with one of our exchange partners for one to two semesters. Keep paying your Monash Fees.

Application process is managed by Monash Abroad.

Independent Study Abroad

Who should consider Independent Study Abroad?

If exchange options are limiting for your degree or NCP Scholarship application

What should I know about Independent Study Abroad?

You are required to meet with the Monash Abroad International Education Coordinator for the region you wish to go abroad to discuss your semester options before registering for Study Abroad.

You will still need to submit and have a study plan approved.

Timelines for study abroad and exchange are the same (i.e. 15 October for Sem 2, 2023).





Monash Abroad Information Sessions

In order to be eligible for exchange or ISA, you will be **required** to watch a First Steps Information Session and a Regional Advising Session.

First Steps Information Session

In this session we'll cover

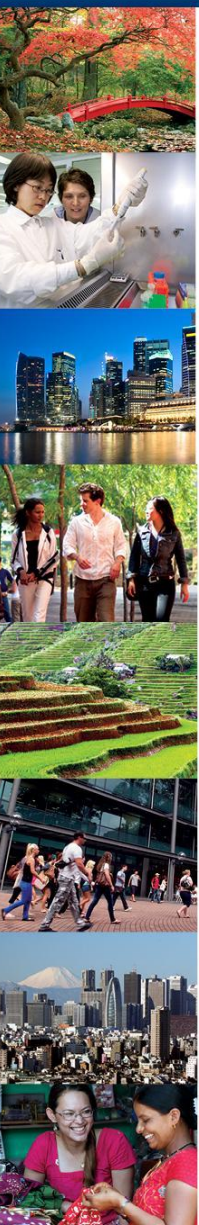
- types of programs available
- whether you are eligible
- how to register

Regional Advising Session

In this session we'll cover

- country-specific information
- refined eligibility
- living in your region as an exchange student

After viewing both information sessions, you may elect to book into the Asia Group Advising Session with Tracy (held weekly via Zoom) or book a 1:1 consultation with Tracy





Helpful Links



Helpful Links

What	Where
Monash Abroad NCP website	https://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/outbound/financial/new-colombo-plan
Monash Abroad Semester Exchange eligibility	https://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/outbound/apply/entry-requirements
Monash Abroad EOI Application	https://study.abroad.monash.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=10251
DFAT's NCP website	https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/new-colombo-plan/scholarship-program/Pages/scholarship-program
NCP Scholarships and Mobility Facebook Page	https://www.facebook.com/newcolomboplan/





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