



NCP Scholarship Program 2027 Round – Expressions of Interest Form

Privacy Notice

The Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (**DFAT**) manages the New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarship Program with the support of contractors it engages to deliver the NCP Scholarship Program.

The NCP is currently being managed by DFAT with the support of Palladium International Pty Ltd, ABN 23 010 020 201. DFAT uses the SmartyGrants platform to handle Expressions of Interest (EOIs) and applications for the NCP Scholarship Program.

DFAT and its contractors are bound by the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (**Privacy Act**), including the Australian Privacy Principles (**APPs**) in that Act, which regulate how personal information can be handled.

This notice explains how DFAT and its contractors will handle personal information for the purposes of the Expressions of Interest (EOI) process for the NCP Scholarship Program.

Why personal information is collected

DFAT, through its contractors, will collect personal information submitted during the EOI process to:

- assess and process the EOI for the NCP Scholarship Program;
- invite students to submit a full NCP Scholarship Program application; and
- undertake administration, performance monitoring and evaluation of the NCP.

What personal information is collected

DFAT and its contractors will collect any personal information about the student submitted in the EOI form above, which includes:

- title
- name
- date of birth
- gender



- email and phone contact details
- student ID
- university and course details
- field of study
- proposed primary host location, and
- status as a First Nation individual.

DFAT and its contractors will also collect personal information about university staff submitting nominations, including their

- title
- name
- position, and
- contact details.

What happens if personal information is not provided

If the requested personal information is not provided, DFAT and its contractors will not be able to:

- process the EOI for the NCP Scholarship Program; and
- invite the student to submit a full application.

Disclosure of personal information

DFAT and its contractors may disclose any personal information provided during the EOI process to each other, or to the submitting university, for the purposes listed above.

Further information

[DFAT's Privacy Policy](http://www.dfat.gov.au/privacy) (available at www.dfat.gov.au/privacy) contains information about DFAT's collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information, including sensitive information, and how individuals may:

- access and seek correction of personal information that we hold; or
- complain about how DFAT has handled their personal information, and how DFAT will deal with such a complaint.