

New Colombo Plan Scholarships

Information Session

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Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which the Perth Campus is located, the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar Nation; and recognise their continued custodianship and connection to the land, waters and community. We pay respects to Elders, past, present and emerging. We celebrate their stories, culture and traditions of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.



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Agenda

- NCP Scholarship Overview & Application Process
- Curtin Go Global Overview
- Meet the Curtin NCP Scholarship Alumni
- Q & A
- Application Workshop by Curtin Careers



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About the NCP Scholarship program

- A prestigious, transformative program, which provides funding for high-performing Australian undergraduates aged between 18 and 30 (non-Indigenous) / between 18 and 35 (Indigenous), to do one or two semester-length study, language training and internships in the region
- An unparalleled opportunity to develop skills, form networks, build connections with the region at the heart of Australia's trade, economic and diplomatic future
- 40 eligible host locations across the Indo-Pacific
- Scholarship programs must be eligible for **credit** towards your undergraduate degree
- 500 scholarships offered in 2026

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Benefits of studying abroad

- Travel Allowance of \$3,000, Establishment Allowance of \$3,000, Monthly stipend up to \$3,000, plus health and travel insurance and a dedicated case manager
- Quality education opportunities
- Building language capability
- Knowledge and experience in the region
- Cultural immersion and understanding
- Internships and mentorships to support work readiness
- Professional opportunities and connections
- Alumni network



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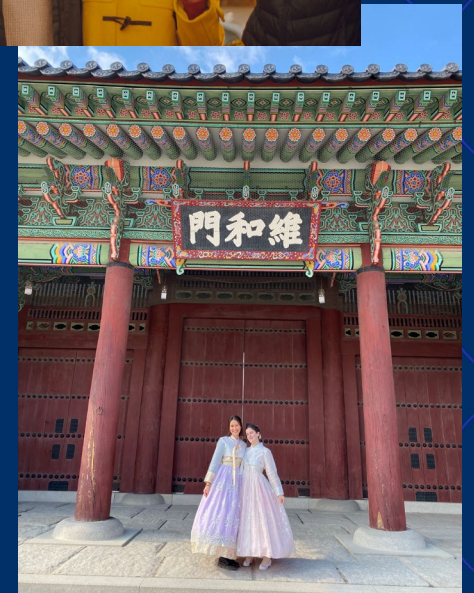


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NCP Scholars at Curtin – Ashleigh Smith

- 2023 NCP Japan Scholar, currently 4th year, BLaws, BArts (International relations major)
- Interned at the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) for 2 months in Singapore
- Language training in Malay for 2 months in Singapore
- Travelled to Malaysia, Vietnam, Hong Kong and South Korea whilst I was on my NCP program as well as travel around Japan. highlight was going on a cruise in Ha Long Bay and dressing up in Hanbok in South Korea.
- Attended several networking events at the Australian High Commission in Singapore which were focused on leadership and youth in the Indo-Pacific which was a really cool opportunity and I was fortunate enough to meet the Australian High Commissioner to Singapore
- One of the things I loved most was the network of scholars as well as making small connections with local people



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NCP Scholars at Curtin – Brodie O'Breza

- 2024 NCP Fiji Scholar (Total of 7 months)
- Interned at Suva Fiji (2.5 months)
 - Locally Managed Marine Areas International Trust (LMMA)
- How did I find an internship opportunity?
 - Proactively sent lots of emails and only received a couple of response (Resilience)
 - If you can try to meet organisations in person (People-to-people connection)



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NCP Scholars at Curtin – Fraser Robb

- 2022 NCP Japan Scholar (19 months)
- Studied with University of Aizu (Fukushima), Shibaura Institute of Technology (Tokyo)
- Interned at across multiple domains:
 - Mitsubishi Group Internship Program (Business)
 - Eyes, Japan Co. Ltd (Software Engineering)
 - Australia & New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Japan – ANZCCJ (Business)
 - Shizen Energy (Renewable Energy, Engineering)
- Language Training:
 - Coto Japanese Language Academy



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AJYSWA WEBINAR - TOP 3 TAKEAWAYS



Fraser Robb - On New Colombo Plan (NCP)

#1

Organise your units early! Finding matching units can be tricky, so save your electives and plan to go earlier in your degree as you'll have more units to choose from!

#2

When applying for scholarships, use the many resources available at your university (study abroad, careers, leadership and scholarship services) and seek advice from students who have been through the process before!

#3

Do your research! Learning more about Japan and specifically the location and university you wish to study at will only help you when applying for scholarships or during application interviews!

Application Process



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Eligibility Criteria

- be an Australian citizen (not be a current citizen or permanent resident of their proposed location)
- be between (as of 1 January 2026):
 - 18 and 30 years of age (inclusive) for non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants;
OR
 - 18 and 35 years of age (inclusive) for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants
- be enrolled in a bachelor's degree or bachelor's honours degree at Curtin University at the time of application and remain admitted throughout your Scholarship program
- be at least in the second year of your degree when the Scholarship program commences (e.g. completed at least 200 credits in your degree)



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Eligibility Criteria

- meet the semester exchange program eligibility listed on the Curtin Go Global semester and year-long exchange programs
- be enrolled as a full-time student at a host university in the Indo-Pacific region and receive full credits towards your course of study at Curtin
- not be undertaking another Australian Government funded offshore scholarship at the commencement of, or concurrently with the Scholarship program
- not be a previous recipient of an NCP Scholarship
- not be an employee of the branch of DFAT that administers the NCP



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Selection Criteria

- Your NCP study plan
- Academic merit at tertiary level (25%)
- Leadership and engagement in the community (25%)
- Adaptability and resilience (25%)
- Ability to contribute to the NCP's strategic objective and outcomes (25%)
- CV, outlining work experience, community engagement activities and extra-curricular interest
- 2 referee reports to attest your abilities and suitability to receive the scholarship (potential, attributes and values matching with NCP goals)



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Action Plan

1. Contact course coordinator for units and see if you have units to match
2. Which country / university and why
3. Begin contacting university / start organizing with Go Global. Get conditional acceptance!
4. Structure your NCP scholarship program
5. Get referees – Select them carefully and give them maximum time
6. Write application and seek feedback (You have control of this)
7. Submit your Expression of Interest by 29 June 2025



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2025 Key Dates

- 29 June - Expression of Interest close at Curtin
- Late July - Outcome of nomination process
- Late July - Feedback Session for nominated applicants
- Late July - Nominated applications receive an invitation to apply directly at the NCP website
- Late July – Applications webinar by NCP (virtual)

Anticipated key dates – to be finalised by DFAT



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2025 Key Dates

- Mid Aug - Applications close 11:30pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST)
- Mid Sep – Interview tips webinar by NCP (virtual)
- Sep - Oct - Shortlisted applicants interviewed (virtual)
- November - Applicants notified of the outcome
- Late Nov - early Dec - Awards ceremony & pre-departure session (Canberra)

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Useful information

Scholarships website

<https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/Scholarship/?id=7598>

- 2025 NCP Guidelines*
- 2025 Round Advice to Applicants*
- Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040
- 2017 Foreign Policy Paper
- Australia in the Asian Century White Paper – October 2012
- Developing an Asia Capable Workforce
- Engaging Asia
- Scholarship Application Tips by Global Society

As soon as 2026 guidelines and advice to applicants are released, the website will be updated.



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Support available

Student Development – Career & Leadership Development

<https://challenge.curtin.edu.au/#hub>

- Self-awareness
- Understanding Culture
- Leadership 101

Curtin Go Global Office

Global opportunities website

(<https://students.curtin.edu.au/experience/global>)



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Support available (Faculty)

Faculty of Business & Law Student Engagement
(International Experience, Internships, Career Consultation, etc.)
Book in an appointment with FBL

Faculty of Science and Engineering
Christina Powell
(Global mobility, study tours and international travel)
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NCP Scholar 2025

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How to Choose Country and Overseas University



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How am I going to do this?

- Done nothing yet?
- Considered country?
- Considered overseas university?
- Aligned study plan and matched units?



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Exchange Partner vs Non-Partner

- Paradox of choice (20 vs many more Options)
- Scholars usually a mix between partner and non-partners
- Consider how it aligns with your goals, consider how it aligns with the NCP goals
- Differences in application processes



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How to Match Units



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How to Match Units

- Look at your study plan in eStudent – My Enrolment tab
- To ensure you will receive credit, complete a Study Plan Proposal Form with approval
- Why match units:
 - Help you graduate on time
 - Improve your experience
 - Help you get the scholarship!
- Ask Course Coordinator help for approval



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**CURTIN ABROAD STUDY PLAN PROPOSAL FORM**

To participate in a Curtin University international study program, you must complete this form, have it signed by your Course Coordinator and submit it with your Curtin Abroad Application. *Note: Some Host Universities or program providers may require you to submit additional units with their application.*

SECTION 1 – PERSONAL DETAILS – student to complete*

Curtin Student ID: _____ Course Title (major/stream): Bachelor of Commerce - Marketing and Management

Family Name/s: Examples Given Name/s: _____

Partner/Host University or Program Provider: _____

Study Period (please tick): Semester One ☒ Semester Two ☐ Summer Break ☐ Winter Break ☐ Year 2 0 2 0

SECTION 2 – PROPOSED UNIT APPROVAL – PART A and B MUST BE TYPED

**** All fields must be completed in the below table for each approved unit****

Part A & B to be completed by student

Part C & D to be completed by Course Coordinator

PART A: PROPOSED UNIT/S AT HOST UNIVERSITY OR WITH THE PROGRAM PROVIDER <i>To be completed by the student</i>				PART B: EQUIVALENT CURTIN UNIT/S <i>To be completed by the student. These units must appear as planned units on your study plan. If you are studying units as an Option – it must be equivalent to one of your options, if an elective, you need to have planned electives available to use.</i>				PART C: APPROVAL <i>Course Coordinator to complete. For each unit, indicate if passing the Host University OR partner program unit will provide credit for the equivalent Curtin unit listed. If student is seeking approval for a Curtin elective, please confirm in Section D the value of electives the student has available.</i>		
	Host University Unit Code	Host University Unit Name / Program Name	Unit Credit Value or Program Credit Value	Curtin Unit Code	Curtin Unit Name	Curtin Equivalent Credit Value	Core, Elective Or Option?	Approval Granted	Staff Name	Staff Signature
Eg	MKT422	International Marketing	3 credits	MKTG2002	International Marketing	25 credits	Core	Yes	John Smith	
Eg.2	PCUL2P63	Communication Design	7.5 ECTS	N/A	Elective	25 credits	Elective	Yes	Jane Doe	
1	MKIB155	Consumer Behaviour	15	MKTG2004	Consumer Behaviour	25 credits	Core	Yes	Andrea Hall	
2	PHIL272	Business Ethics	15	MGMT3006	Business Ethics	25 Credits	Core	Yes	Michael Johnson	
3	MKIB230	Retail Marketing	15	MKTG3007	Retail marketing and distribution	25 Credits	Option	Yes	Andrea Hall	
4	MKIB255	Services Marketing	15	MKTG3006	Services Marketing	25 Credits	Core	Yes	Andrea Hall	
5	ULMS252	Entrepreneurship	15	MGMT3004	Entrepreneurship	25 Credits	Core	Yes	Michael Johnson	
6	MKIB230	Market Research	15	MKTG2005	Marketing Research	25 Credits	Core	Yes	Andrea Hall	
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Your Curtin Enrolment



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Enrolment basics

- You will remain enrolled at Curtin
- You will complete an enrolment form at the compulsory Pre-departure session
- You must maintain a full-time enrolment at the host university



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Funding Your Adventure



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How much will it cost?

Work out a budget:

- Flights
- Passport and visa expenses
- Comprehensive travel and medical insurance
- Accommodation
- Food and eating out
- Public transport and taxis
- Living costs and bills
- Extra travel and sightseeing



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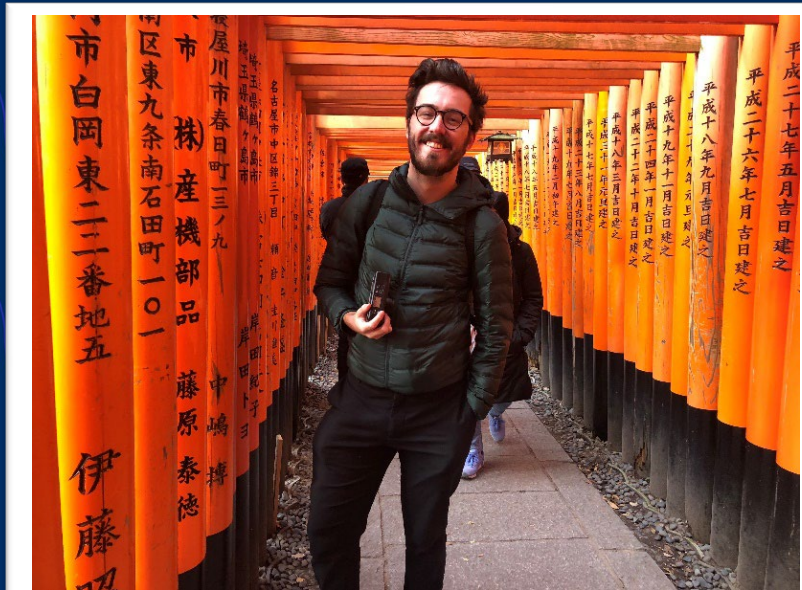


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Funding your adventure

- Centrelink
- OS-HELP Loan



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OS HELP Loan

- Available to eligible Commonwealth supported students
- Added to your HELP loan balance
- Visit the [Go Global website](#) for application and eligibility details
 - \$8,245 (non Asia)
 - \$9,893 (Asia)

2025 figures. Conditions apply to the above and also subject to Curtin policy



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How it works

1. Visit Curtin [Go Global website](#)
2. Check your eligibility
3. Explore your options and choose your adventure
4. Complete Curtin Go Global Application Form and Study Plan Proposal Form
5. Be approved by Go Global and wait to hear from us
6. Submit program application
7. Wait for formal acceptance
8. Apply for visa, accommodation
9. Attend compulsory Pre-departure sessions
10. Submit travel approval documentation
11. Pack & GO!



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Available Support

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GoGlobal@curtin.edu.au

Phone

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Q & A



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