Monash University

2022 New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarship Program
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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

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2022
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.
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

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<td>Malaysia</td>
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*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):

• have been nominated for the NCP Scholarship Program by Monash University (see Section 4.2);
• be an Australian citizen;
• not be a current or previous citizen or permanent resident of your proposed host location(s);
• be enrolled in and undertaking, until completion of all study components of the NCP Scholarship Program, in at least one Bachelor Degree or Bachelor Honours Degree unit at Monash University Australia;
• 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 2022;
• have achieved a minimum 70 per cent graded average or equivalent for your undergraduate course at the time of application;
• not be a previous recipient of a Scholarship under the NCP Scholarship Program; and
• not be an employee of the branch of DFAT that administers the NCP.

Read the full 2022 NCP Guidelines here.
# NCP Scholarships and NCP Mobility Grants

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<td><strong>Awarded to</strong></td>
<td>Individual student</td>
<td>A group of students</td>
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<td><strong>Value</strong></td>
<td>Up to $69,000</td>
<td>Up to $7,000</td>
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<td><strong>Funds</strong></td>
<td>Semester length study (plus internship and language training)</td>
<td>Short-term or semester study, clinical placements, internship, mentorship, research</td>
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<td><strong>Assessed by</strong></td>
<td>Monash Abroad and DFAT</td>
<td>Faculty (Short-Term)/Monash Abroad (Semester)</td>
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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

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<td>Deadline to submit your EOI in MAP</td>
<td>Applicants</td>
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<td>Wed, 14 July</td>
<td>Shortlisted students are notified</td>
<td>Monash Abroad</td>
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<td>Mon, 19 and Tues, 20 July</td>
<td>Interviews</td>
<td>Applicants and Monash Abroad</td>
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<td>Fri, 23 July</td>
<td>Monash nominees are notified. <strong>Nominees must obtain police check.</strong></td>
<td>Monash Abroad</td>
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<td>Fri, 30 July</td>
<td>Nominees must obtain police check Monash Abroad orders transcripts</td>
<td>Applicants and Monash Abroad</td>
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<td>Tue 3 August at 11:30 pm</td>
<td>Deadline to submit nominees to DFAT</td>
<td>Monash Abroad</td>
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<td>Wed, 4 August to Tue, 24 August</td>
<td>Nominees receive DFAT application invitation.</td>
<td>Applicants</td>
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<td><strong>Tue, 24 August at 11:30 pm</strong></td>
<td><strong>Deadline to submit application to DFAT</strong></td>
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<td>September to October</td>
<td>Shortlisted students conduct DFAT interviews</td>
<td>Applicants and DFAT</td>
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<td>Fri, 15 October at 11:59pm</td>
<td>Deadline to submit exchange/ISA application for Semester 2, 2022 in MAP</td>
<td>Applicants</td>
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<td>November/December</td>
<td>Finalists are notified</td>
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Application Phases

**Apply to Monash Abroad**

- **Mon, 12 July, 11:59pm**
  - Submit NCP Scholarship EOI application in MAP.

- **Fri, 15 Oct, 11:59pm**
  - Submit application for exchange or independent study abroad program in MAP.

**Monash University nominates 10 students to DFAT**

- **Tue, 3 August**
  - Nominees must have completed policy checks.
  - Monash Abroad will obtain your transcript on your behalf.

**Nominees apply to DFAT**

- **Between Wed, 4 to Tue, 24 August**
  - Nominees will receive an invitation from DFAT to complete their online application.

**Applicants are shortlisted by DFAT**

- **September/October**
  - Shortlisted students will conduct interviews with DFAT in September - October

**Finalists are confirmed**

- **November**
  - Selections are finalised.
  - All successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified of the outcome of their application.

**December**

- Scholars are announced and their details are published.
Monash Abroad’s NCP Scholarship Application
NCP Scholarship Expression of Interest (EOI) Application

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?
Along with all Exchange and Study Abroad programs, the NCP Scholarship EOI Application is found in the Monash Abroad Portal (MAP).

Deadline to submit
Mon, 12 July at 11:59 pm

Click here to view the 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
- **Adaptability and resilience**: 25 percent weighting
- **Leadership and engagement in the community**: 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).
How to apply for Exchange or Independent Study Abroad
# Monash Abroad Eligibility Requirements

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<td>Of good academic standing*</td>
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<td>Minimum Monash WAM at end of semester within which you are registering</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Minimum credit points completed at time of registration of Study Plan with Monash Abroad</td>
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<td>Minimum credit points completed by end of semester within which you are registering</td>
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<td>Minimum credit points completed at time of exchange program commencement</td>
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<td>Obtained faculty course advice</td>
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<td>Study plan approval</td>
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<td>Satisfy any additional faculty requirements</td>
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<td>Satisfy host institution / campus requirements</td>
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<td>Studying equivalent of 18 – 24 credits per semester whilst overseas</td>
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Read the full list of eligibility requirements: [https://tinyurl.com/MArequirements](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**

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Monash has cancelled Semester 1, 2022 outbound exchange and independent study abroad programs. Students will need to apply for programs commencing in Semester 2, 2022.

Please note that some partner institutions will not be available to new applicants for Semester 2, 2022 due to needing to prioritise the students affected by 2020 and 2021 cancellations.

[https://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/overseas/your-application/covid-faqs](https://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/overseas/your-application/covid-faqs)
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, 2022).
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

Our sessions for Semester 2, 2022 are pre-recorded and available online.

[www.monash.edu/study-abroad/contact-us/news-events/information-sessions](http://www.monash.edu/study-abroad/contact-us/news-events/information-sessions)
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While the Monash Abroad staff are still working a hybrid model of office/work from home due to COVID-19 restrictions, our team is always accessible by email, phone, and Zoom.