**New Colombo Plan  
Scholarship Program**

***Expression of interest***

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Please email your Expression of Interest and a copy / scan of your **official** Murdoch University academic transcript to [studyabroad@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:studyabroad@murdoch.edu.au) by **Thursday 20th June 12:00pm AWST**. Late applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted!

1. **Personal Details**

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| Name: |  | Student ID: |  |
| Gender: |  | DOB: |  |
| Email: |  | Mobile Phone: |  |
| Degree: | | | |
| Academic Chair | | | |
| Are you an Australian Citizen | | Yes/No | |
| Do you have dual citizenship or permanent residency in another country?  Please indicate by deleting response that does not apply! | | Yes\*/No  \*If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | |
| Are you an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? | | Yes/No | |
| Is a language other than English spoken at your home? | | Yes/No | |
| Do you have a disability? | | Yes/No | |
| Do you regard yourself as the first in your immediate family to attend university? | | Yes/No | |
| Do you regard yourself as coming from a low-socio-economic background? | | Yes/No | |
| Do you regard yourself as coming from a regional/remote area? | | Yes/No | |

1. **Destinations**

NCP Scholarship Programs can be undertaken in the following 40 Indo-Pacific host locations: *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.*

**Where do you intend to undertake the Scholarship Program?**

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| Location for study: |  |
| Location for internship (this can be in the same or different location): |  |

1. **Details of Proposed Scholarship Program**

Students must undertake a full-time study program for which they will receive full credit towards their Bachelor or Bachelor Honours Degree at Murdoch University.

The Scholarship Program does not have to be with one of Murdoch’s existing exchange partners in the Indo-Pacific region. Students will have to make contact with a non-affiliated host institution to explore the possibility of studying with them, but this can occur after completing this Expression of Interest. At this stage, please make sure that the host institution you are interested in accepts fee-paying visiting international students and that they offer units in your area of study.

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| At which Indo-Pacific host university do you intend to study? |  |
| How long do you intend to study abroad?  Please indicate by deleting response that does not apply! | 1 semester/1 year |
| Which semester do you intend to study abroad?  Please indicate by deleting responses that do not apply and indicate if you intend to study for two semesters; keeping in mind that you need to depart by 15 December 2024. | Semester 1 2025 Semester 2 2025 Semester 1 2026 |
| Please list the units (code, title) at the host university you intend to study; remember to remain a full-time load (equivalent to at least 9 Murdoch credit points) | Example:  *HIST301 Japanese History* |
| Please explain how the units listed above could be credited towards your Murdoch degree. Your academic chair will late have to approve this credit. | Example:  *HIST301 Japanese History = General Elective HIST302 Indonesian History = Core Unit HST350 HIST303 Malaysian History = Core Unit HST351* |
| Do you intend to undertake language training?  Please indicate by deleting responses that do not apply! | Yes\*/No  \*If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  See page 12 of the 2024 New Colombo Plan Scholarship Program Guidelines! |
| Do you intend to undertake an internship/mentorship?  Please indicate by deleting responses that do not apply! | Yes\*/No  \*If yes, where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  See page 11 of the 2024 New Colombo Plan Scholarship Program Guidelines! |

1. **Personal Statement**

Why are you applying for the NCP Scholarship Program and what would you hope to get out of the experience? (maximum 300 words; bullet points welcome)

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1. **NCP Scholarship Program Assessment Criteria**

The following criteria are also part of the actual application of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and against which all applicants will be assessed. Please read Section 6. Assessment Criteria of the 2024 (page 19) New Colombo Plan Scholarship Program Guidelines and then provide a brief statement in response to each of the four assessment criteria listed below.

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| 1. **Academic excellence at the tertiary level (25% weighting)** |
| 1. **Leadership in the community (25% weighting)** |
| 1. **Adaptability and resilience (25% weighting)** |
| 1. **Ability to contribute to New Colombo Plan goals (25% weighting)** |

If you have any questions, please contact Serena Baptist (International Relations and Programs) at [studyabroad@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:studyabroad@murdoch.edu.au) or call 08 9360 7836. Don’t forget to submit a copy / scan of your **official Murdoch University academic transcript**

**What happens next?**

Murdoch University is able to nominate up to fifteen students and will only nominate eligible students. If we receive more than fifteen applications, a committee will determine the quality of all applications and nominate the top fifteen.

You will notified, whether you have been shortlisted.

Thursday 18 July – Wednesday 14 August: You apply to DFAT. In preparation, we will provide feedback on your Expression of Interest, so you can work on improving your application to DFAT further.

If your application is accepted, you will be invited to participate in an ONLINE interview. If you pass this last stage, you will be awarded the scholarship at an awards ceremony in Canberra in November or early December.