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Scholarships and mobility grants

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Objectives of the session

- To clarify the International Centre’s role in administering the NCP
- To provide detailed information on key aspects of each program
- To clarify UWA’s priorities for the NCP and encourage staff to think about future rounds with these priorities in mind
- To provide examples of possible/feasible Projects
- To clarify selection and assessment processes (internal and external)
- To clarify funding allocation
- To provide next steps
## Two sub-programs

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### Internships and mentorships

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| 2014: 2 UWA NCP Scholars | 2014: Temasek (Television and Video Production), Hong Kong Semester Exchange, Singapore semester/short-term Exchange |
Key changes for 2014/2015

- Available funding has increased to approximately $8 million
- Increased number of eligible locations.
- Universities are encouraged to undertake mobility projects with local institutions. The 2015 round includes the possibility of utilising an off-shore campus of an Australian university, provided certain strict conditions are met.
- 10% of students participating in a mobility project may be over 28 years of age.
- Introduction of internship for semester-long study
Study location

2015 NCP locations are:
Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Japan, Kiribati, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, Niue, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

UWA Priority Countries

Bhutan, China, India, Indonesia, Hong Kong SAR, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

UWA Priority Universities: Refer to Schedule A.

Secondary locations

For example: a three month short-term research Mobility Project in one eligible Cambodia (primary Host Location) which includes two weeks of fieldwork in Thailand (secondary Host Location).
Scholarships Program

Targeting high achieving UG students

60 Prestigious scholarships for at least one study period and up to a full academic year.

An internship component is strongly encouraged.

Must be for academic credit
Scholarships Program

A Scholarship will provide Scholars with:

- a travel allowance of $2,500
- an establishment allowance of $2,500
- a variable location-based monthly stipend of up to $2,500
- health and travel insurance for the duration of their overseas Scholarship Program
- a dedicated case manager for the duration of their Scholarship Program who provides services including: pre-departure briefings; advice on health and travel insurance, advice and assistance relating to accommodation; and payment of allowances; and
- a certificate of completion.

A Scholarship may also provide:

- Payment of up to one Academic Year’s international tuition fees to a maximum of $15,000, payable directly to the Host Institution (see section 4.2); and
- Payment of $1,000 for in-country language training fees, payable directly to the language training provider (see section 4.2).

The maximum duration of a Scholarship Program is 17 months (up to $67,000)
Scholarships Program

Selection criteria are:

• academic excellence (50% weighting);
• leadership in the local community (25%);
• and contribution of experience to the applicant’s cultural awareness, employment potential and ability to operate in new and changing environments, and an understanding of the overarching goals of the NCP and how their proposed program contributes to those goals (25%).
Scholarships Program - Process and Key Dates

• 12 August: UWA students contacted via International Office. Students to apply via Study Abroad Office. Applications will be assessed by Faculty.

• Until 29 August 2014: UWA conduct an internal selection process to identify and nominate up to 10 eligible students.

• 1 to 26 September 2014: Nominees complete applications, including supporting documentation and evidence of contact with proposed host university.

• October to November 2014: Applicants shortlisted and interviewed.

• November 2014: successful and unsuccessful applicants advised of the outcome.

• 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015: successful applicants commence their study program.
Mobility Grant - Example of eligible programs

VISA2270 International Studio for Art and Culture

This three week cultural project in Indonesia gives students the opportunity to experience formal learning in an indigenous art program as well as experiencing cultural immersion on a number of levels. The Institute Seni Indonesia (ISI) Denpasar is a specialist learning institution focused on traditional art and culture of Bali and Indonesia. Students in this project will be given a unique opportunity to gain firsthand experience of the culture they are studying by working with faculty and students of ISI as well as professional artisans and artists in the field. Some of the work is undertaken on campus in the institution, during the Balinese Arts (Cultural) Festival and some learning in the village settings of Klungkung and Sideman in Kangarasem, East Bali.
Mobility Grant - Example of eligible programs

Physics Research Internship (China)

UWA has strategic partnerships with Nanjing University (NJU) and the University of Science and Technology China (USTC), both amongst the top universities in China. A key component is a Research Internship programme, in which undergraduate students from NJU and USTC undertake research at UWA, with travel and accommodation costs funded from China. This project seeks funding for a reciprocal programme in which UWA Level 3 and 4 Physics students will undertake a four-week Research Internship and learn about Chinese culture at NJU and USTC. During a visit to UWA, a Vice-President of NJU emphasized understanding Chinese culture in building meaningful relationships. In particular, he noted that “the Chinese value long-term engagement and friendship …” (direct quote). Funding of this project will contribute to the goal of “long-term engagement” via continuation of reciprocal Research Internships.
Mobility Grants - Student eligibility

Students who receive a mobility grant must be:

- an **Australian citizen**. Students with dual citizenship or permanent residency or similar in another location/country are eligible, however they must undertake their study in a third Host Location, of which they do not have citizenship or residency rights.

- enrolled in an on-shore campus of an Australian University at the time of application and throughout their study.

- undertaking a **Bachelor Degree or Bachelor Honours Degree** at the commencement of the Mobility Project.

- At least 90 per cent of the Students participating in any given Mobility Project must be aged 18 to 28 inclusive at the commencement of the Mobility Project.
Mobility Grants - Student eligibility

Additionally, the proposed Mobility Project must:

• commence between January 2015 and August 2016. Students who have already commenced a mobility project overseas are not eligible to receive a New Colombo Plan grant to continue that project; and

• provide Students with academic credit or be a mandatory component of a Student’s course at UWA

• Consider funding for non-eligible students?
Funding Mobility Grants

A mobility grant must be paid directly to the students.

**Short-Term Grant**
- For study that is less than 6 months in duration
- Provided at a rate of between $1000 and $3000 per Student.

**Semester Grant**
- For study of at least one Study Period but up to 12 months in duration. A Study Period may be called a semester or a trimester.
- Provided at a rate of between $3000 and $7000 per Student.

**Internship grant**
- Provided at a rate of $1000 per Student.
- The Internship must be part of a semester study Mobility Project to receive this grant.
- The additional Internship component may be (but does not have to be) for additional credit or a mandatory component of the Student’s course.

It will be at the discretion of the Applicant to determine the grant amount it seeks for Students within the funding bands described above.
Administrative Funding Mobility Grants

Up to 10% of the total Student grant funding requested by an Applicant for Mobility Project/s) to support the administration and implementation of Mobility Projects.

Funding is not applied for separately, but is to be included in the total amount of funding applied for by the Applicant in each application.

Applications should clearly indicate where administration funding is being applied for and the amount.

Administration funding may be used to subsidise the costs associated with Mobility Project administration, including but not limited to:

- Arranging, negotiating and researching details of Mobility Projects
- Supervising, monitoring and evaluating Students’ progress during the Mobility Project
- Engaging the services of third party organisations which have the relevant expertise to support Students to undertake Mobility Projects
- General administration costs.
How to submit a Mobility application?

1. Familiarise yourself with the application requirements (see mobility application form)
2. Consider UWA strategic priorities/preferences in terms of countries, institutions, duration, internships, innovative and diverse programs.
3. Application must be sent to carole.katz@uwa.edu.au by 7 September
4. UWA NCP Selection Panel to rank applications based on the above priorities and preferences where necessary.
5. The Committee will consist of 3 x Senior Faculty Staff (Dean or delegate) and 2 x Senior International Staff (Director, International Centre or delegate).
6. NCP/UWA Liaison Officer to submit applications online
Once funding is secured…

1. Program Coordinator to select funding recipients
2. Program Coordinator to liaise with Coordinator of Study Abroad Office
3. Study Abroad Office (SAO) to ask students to register online on Global Studio
4. SAO to distribute funding to individual students
5. Faculty to organise Pre-Departure information for students, collect Travel Approval Form (Insurance) and to enter student data in SARIS (Study Abroad Reporting Information System)
6. NCP Liaison Officer to enter student details in the NCP online system at least 3 weeks prior to departure
7. Program Coordinator to assist in Completion Report to be entered in the system by NCP Liaison Officer
Maximising your chances

**Discipline**
A diverse spread encouraged; no specific priorities.

**Duration**
Preference in the long term is for semester projects; however the International Centre (and DFAT) recognises this may not be achievable within the immediate round, and that short term options may be the most viable program type to mobilise students. Short term programs will therefore continue to be well regarded in this round.

**New and Innovative Projects**
Existing projects will be considered, however new and innovative projects will be highly regarded. Staff will be informed that DFAT/Dept of Education has committed funding until 2017/18 and has had some discussion for multi-year projects in future rounds (possibly 2015/2016). This is welcomed as there is recognition of the time and effort to create and establish new programs.

**Internship/Mentorship**
Projects with an internship/mentorship component will be highly regarded. Faculties will be encouraged to use their links within universities or internship providers to arrange these opportunities. Emphasis on the new Internship grants which demonstrates DFAT’s high regard for this kind of activity.
# Timeline

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