



### *New Colombo Plan – 2018 Mobility Grants intake*

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82 Australian university students will soon be coming to New Caledonia in the 2018 Mobility Grants intake of the New Colombo Plan. This is the first time that New Caledonia will be a destination for the New Colombo Plan.

Through the 2018 Mobility Grants, the students from seven Australian universities will take part in short linguistic, cultural and technical study programs in New Caledonia.

The 82 students coming to New Caledonia will be among 13,000 Australian undergraduates in the 2018 Mobility Grants intake announced last Friday by Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Julie Bishop MP and Australia's Minister for Education and Training, Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham. These young ambassadors for Australia from 40 Australian universities will live, study and complete internships in 35 countries across the Indo-Pacific region under the New Colombo Plan.

The New Colombo Plan aims to lift knowledge of the Indo-Pacific in Australia by supporting Australian undergraduates to study and undertake internships in the region. A signature initiative of the Australian Government, the New Colombo Plan provides opportunities through expanding university, people-to-people and business links.

The Mobility Grants of the New Colombo Plan offer a diverse range of semester-based or short-term study, internships, mentorships, practicums and research in 40 host locations across the Indo-Pacific region. It is an opportunity for the private, public and civil society sectors in New Caledonia to strengthen ties with education institutions, business and civil society networks in Australia. Further information on the New Colombo Plan is available [here](#) and from the Australian Consulate-General in Noumea.

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