

# 2024 Prestigious External Scholarships Information Session

This session will commence shortly



Queensland Australia

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## Recording starting



This session will be recorded and made available online

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Griffith University acknowledges the people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land. We pay respect to the Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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# Professor Carolyn Evans

Vice Chancellor and President, Griffith University

Rhodes Scholar and Fulbright Senior Scholarship recipient

- Why apply
- Understanding your why
- Our community of scholars

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## Overview: Scholarship Presentations

Fulbright	5:10 pm – 5:25 pm
Rhodes	5:25 pm – 5:40 pm
John Monash	5:40 pm – 5:55 pm
New Colombo Plan	5:55 pm – 6:10 pm
Ramsay	6:10 pm – 6:25 pm
Advice for Applicants	6:25 pm – 6:40 pm

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## Tamara Manson

Program Officer

Tamara is a Program Officer at the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, responsible for the scholar portfolio. She has a background in tertiary education administration and healthcare administration. She also has several years of experience in client relations and stakeholder engagement. Tamara is passionate about the development of international collaborations, and the role of research in change for the better.



# FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

75 Years of Global Impact



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Ngunnawal and Ngambri peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands on which we meet. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to any First Australians joining us today.

# ABOUT FULBRIGHT

*The Fulbright Program promotes educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relations between the two countries.*

## The Program

- Research and study programs for Australians to undertake at U.S. institutions, and for Americans to undertake at Australian institutions.

- Exchange of culture, ideas, and research.

- Awardees become part of a global network of Fulbright scholars.

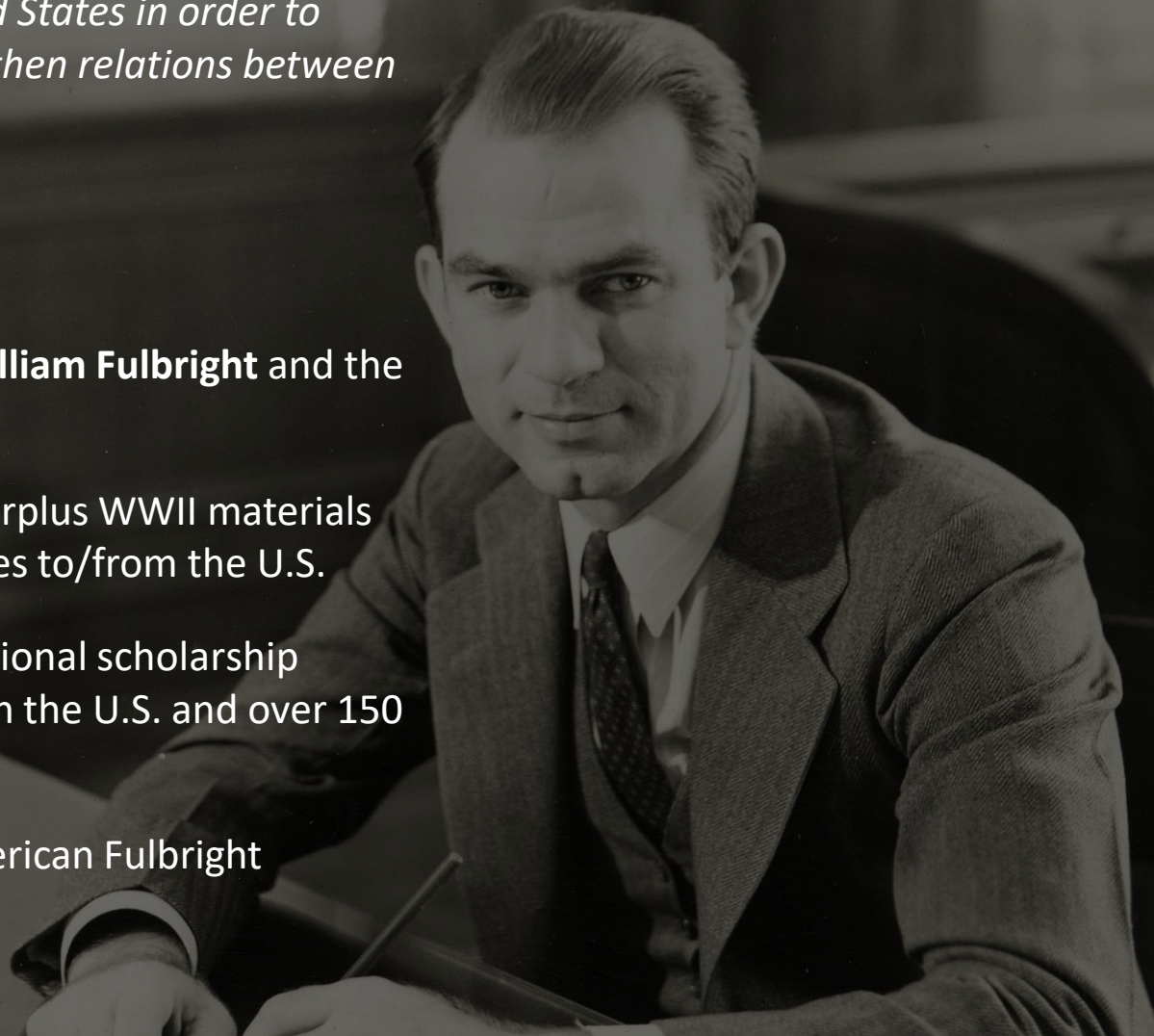


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## Our History

- Established in 1946 by U.S. Senator **J. William Fulbright** and the U.S. Government
- Ethos of **'swords into ploughshares'** – surplus WWII materials sold to fund two-way academic exchanges to/from the U.S.
- Has grown to become the largest educational scholarship program in the world, operating between the U.S. and over 150 countries
- Over 5,500 alumni of the Australian-American Fulbright program in our 75-year history



# Why Apply for a Fulbright?

*“Fulbright is the key that unlocks every door.”*

- Professor Peter Coaldrake, Fulbright Alum and Fmr. Vice Chancellor, QUT

- Transformative international exchange experience
- Career-boosting potential
- Join a prestigious global network of scholars from every conceivable field
- Add to an enduring 75-year legacy of bilateral cooperation and collaboration
- Generous benefits (see next slide)

# Fulbright Scholarship Benefits

Scholarships are valued between **\$30,000 - \$500,000** (depending on category, award length, and tuition costs where applicable) and include the following:

- **Living stipend**
- **International travel allowance**
- **Tuition allowance (where applicable)**
- **University placement assistance (degree-seeking students only)**
- **Dependent/establishment allowance where applicable**
- **Orientation & Gala event in the Great Hall of Parliament House, Canberra**
- **ASPE insurance coverage for up to \$100,000**
- **Comprehensive support for visa applications, and ongoing care & support**
- **Life-long access to international Fulbright alumni network**

Approx. **70 Scholarships** on offer annually

*Available in all disciplines, all graduate academic levels and career stages*

### Postgraduate Scholarships

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For students seeking to undertake a Masters or PhD program.  
OR  
For postgraduate students currently enrolled in a Masters or PhD program seeking to undertake a research program for 4 to 8 months.

### Postdoctoral Scholarships

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For individuals who have completed their PhD/doctorate in the past 5 years to undertake postdoctoral research in the U.S. for **4 to 8 months**.

### Scholar Awards

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For:

- Academics at A/Professor or Professorial level, senior lecturers
- Mid-career professionals with an undergraduate qualification and minimum 5 years of work experience to undertake research in the U.S. for **4 months**.

### Distinguished Chair Scholarship

For an exceptional individual at professorial level to carry out research at **Kansas State University** for **5 to 6 months** in any area of **Agriculture and/or Life Sciences**.

# 2024 Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarships Catalogue

- **Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarships (General)**
- **Fulbright Future Scholarships**, Funded by the Kinghorn Foundation  
Full tuition funding at any U.S. institution, (science/technology/medicine), study/research must aim to improve the lives, livelihoods, and/or prosperity of Australians.
- **Fulbright-Anne Wexler Scholarship In Public Policy**, Funded by the Department of Education  
Up to two years of tuition/living/travel support for a Master's degree in any area of public policy, at any U.S. institution.
- **Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship**, Funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency  
For applicants who identify as Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander. Any field, any institution.
- **Fulbright State/Territory Scholarships (excluding ACT)**  
Research projects must foster research and/or industry relevant to the home state/territory and assist in building international research links between the state and U.S. researchers/institutions.

# 2024 Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarships Catalogue

- **Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarships (General)**
- **Fulbright Future Scholarships**, Funded by the Kinghorn Foundation  
Fully-funded research at any U.S. institution, (science/technology/medicine). Research must aim to improve the lives, livelihoods, and/or prosperity of Australians.
- **Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship (Vice Chancellor's Fellowship)**,  
Funded by RMIT University  
Postdoc research in a broad variety of fields (advanced manufacturing and fabrication, advanced materials, biomedical health and innovation, design and creative practice, global business innovation, information and systems engineering, social change, urban futures) in the U.S. as part of a three-year research fellowship commitment with RMIT University.
- **Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship**, Funded by Monash University  
Postdoc research in areas of importance to Monash University, which directly address 'the grand challenges of our time', regardless of disciplinary background.
- **Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship**, Funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency  
For applicants who identify as Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander. Any field, any institution.
- **Fulbright State/Territory Scholarships (NT, Tas)**  
Research projects must foster research and/or industry relevant to the home state/territory and assist in building international research links between the state and U.S. researchers/institutions.



# 2024 Fulbright Scholar Awards Catalogue

- **Fulbright Scholar Awards (General)**
- **Fulbright Future Scholarships**, Funded by the Kinghorn Foundation  
Fully-funded research at any U.S. institution, (science/technology/medicine). Research must aim to improve the lives, livelihoods, and/or prosperity of Australians.
- **Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership**, Supported by the Australian Scholarships Foundation  
For professionals in the non-profit sector to undertake a program of research at an approved U.S. charitable organization.
- **Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australian-U.S. Alliance Studies**, Funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
For early/mid-career academics or professionals from relevant public/private orgs to conduct research into contemporary aspects of the Australian-U.S. alliance (defense/security) and broader bilateral relationship (trade/economics/politics).
- **Fulbright Professional Coral Sea Scholarship (Business/Industry)**  
For early/mid-career academics or professionals seeking to undertake a short course of study or research regarding an identified problem or opportunity relevant to Australian industry or business.
- **Fulbright Professional Scholarship In Vocational Education and Training**, Funded by the Department of Education  
For professionals in the VET sector or training leaders in business and industry; including teachers, managers, and administrators, of private and public registered training organisations, to undertake VET-relevant research
- **Fulbright Scholar Award**, Funded by Kansas State University  
For academics at Associate Professor or Full Professor level planning to undertake a collaborative project at Kansas State University.
- **Fulbright Scholar Award**, Funded by the University of Wyoming  
For academics at the level of Associate or Full Professor to undertake research and teach to two classes per semester that are strategically aligned to University of Wyoming research priority areas.
- **Fulbright Scholar Award**, Funded by Florida Polytechnic University  
For academics at the level of Associate Professor or Full Professor to undertake research and teach classes that are strategically aligned to Florida Polytech's research priority areas.
- **Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship**, Funded by the National Indigenous Australians Agency  
For applicants who identify as Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander. Any field, any institution.
- **Fulbright State/Territory Scholarships (NT and Tas only)**  
Study/research projects must foster research and/or industry relevant to the home state/territory and assist in building international research links between the state and U.S. researchers/institutions.

# FULBRIGHT FUTURE Scholarships

- Available across **all categories** - Postgraduate, Postdoctoral and Scholar Awards
- **Key focus areas:** Health Sciences, Natural Sciences, Formal Sciences, Applied Sciences – full list on our website
- **Full tuition/visiting researcher fees** for Postgraduates at any U.S. institution
- Must propose study/research programs that are innovative and/or have the **potential for significant, tangible impact**
- Study/research project must aim to **improve the lives, livelihoods, and/or prosperity of Australians**
- Simply tick the *Fulbright Future Scholarships* box on the **application checklist and** include a **1-page statement** describing how your study/research will create impact.

# Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- **Australian citizens only**
  - permanent residents ineligible
  - (non-U.S.) dual citizens OK
- Must have undergraduate degree
- **No age limit, open to any field, any host institution**

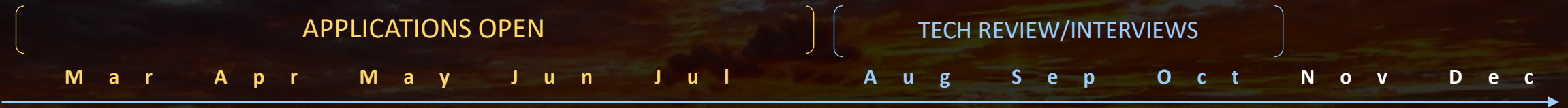
## *Selection Criteria*

- Academic/professional excellence
- Ambassadorial skills
- Relevance of proposed program (E.g. Why the U.S?)
- Potential outcomes/impact

# Application Components

- **Project proposal (study/research objectives) – written for general audience**
- **Personal statement**
- **2 (minimum) to 3 (recommended) confidential referee reports required -- completed online**
- **Host institution letter of invitation (not required at postgraduate coursework level)**
- **Copies of official, complete academic transcripts (where applicable)**
- **Checklist (available on application page) to identify which award/s you are applying for**
- **Impact statement (where applicable)**

# Application Timeline



- Applications are open from **March to July** each year
- Selected applicants will be invited for interview between August-October
- All applicants will receive notification of the outcome of their application by the end of the year
- Scholarship recipients must commence their programs between **August - May** the following year

# Fulbright.org.au – the best place to start

- In-depth scholarship information
- FAQs
- Alumni profiles
- YouTube tutorials
- Application instructions, including link to external portal

## Contact the Program Team:

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# Grace Manahan



*Grace is a commercial technology and data lawyer at Allens, and an Australian Army Reservist. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Government and International Relations (maj. Public Policy). Previously, she worked and studied in Singapore as a New Colombo Plan Scholar.*

*Grace is a 2024 Fulbright Scholar. She is interested in the nexus of Australia's defence and security policies, strategy, and modern military engagements in the Indo-Pacific. She will combine her professional experiences in technology and data law and national security, by completing a National Security Law LLM at Georgetown University. Here, she will combine coursework and research. Grace will focus on cyber and critical infrastructure protection, small state diplomacy and the development of multilateral legal instruments between the US, Australia and Indo-Pacific Island nations, that address novel regional security threats.*



# Questions & Answers





**Emeritus Professor Stan Hurn**

**State Secretary, Queensland Rhodes Scholarship**

*B.Com. Hons., Cum Laude (Natal), M.Phil., D.Phil. (Oxon.)*

Professor Stan Hurn joined QUT in 1998 as a Professor of Econometrics in the School of Economics and Finance. He obtained a MPhil and DPhil in Economics as a Rhodes Scholar at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

Prior to commencing at QUT, he held various positions at other institutions including: Official Fellow and University Lecturer in Economics at Brasenose College, Oxford; Visiting Senior Lecturer at The University of Melbourne; and Lecturer/Senior Lecturer the University of Glasgow.

Professor Hurn's main research interests are in the field of time-series econometrics, and he has published widely in this area. He is Fellow and a Member of the Governing Council of the Society for Financial Econometrics.

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# RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Information for  
Queensland applicants  
applying in 2024 for 2025

Emeritus Professor Stan Hurn  
State Secretary, Queensland Rhodes Scholarship



# What is the Rhodes Scholarship?

The Rhodes Scholarship is a fully funded, full time, postgraduate award that enables talented young people from around the world, to study at the University of Oxford.

Rhodes Scholars go to the UK for two or more years and can apply to study any postgraduate course offered by Oxford University.

We encourage applications from talented students everywhere.

Applying for the Scholarship is a challenge, but it is an experience which has helped generations of young people to succeed.



**Jeremy Hunt**  
Queensland  
2024



**Emerald Gaydon**  
Australia-at-Large  
2024

# What does the Rhodes Scholarship cover?

- The Rhodes Scholarship covers
  - Oxford University (and College) fees
  - An annual stipend
  - The costs of applying to study at Oxford
  - Health cover
  - Two economy class flights to and from the UK
  - A settling in allowance paid on arrival in Oxford
- Note that the scholarship cannot be deferred and cannot be held with another scholarship.



# Are you eligible?

- You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident. Applications from refugees/asylum seekers will also be accepted.
  - You must have completed 2 years of schooling at an Australian secondary school
  - You must satisfy the age criteria – broadly speaking you must be under 24 years when you apply although a maximum of 26 years is allowed in certain clearly defined exceptional circumstances
  - You must have completed, or be in the processing of completing, an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 6.75/7 or higher.
  - Meet and or exceed the entry requirements for your chosen Oxford course.
  - Subject to meeting criteria, if you are unsuccessful in your first application, you may apply a second time.
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# What the selectors look for

Academic achievement and excellence.

Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship.



Energy to use one's talents to the full as demonstrated by mastery in areas such as sports, music, debate, dance, theatre, and artistic pursuits.

Moral force of character and the instincts to lead and to take an interest in your fellow human beings.

# Queensland Rhodes Scholarship: Key Dates 2024

	Key Dates
General Online Information Session	30 April 2024
Applications Open	3 June 2024
Online Information Session for Applicants	9 July 2024
Applications Close	12 August 2024
Shortlisting Meeting	3 September 2024
Luncheon event for shortlisted candidates at Government House	23 September 2024
Interviews at Government House	24 September 2024



# Key contacts

- Emeritus Professor Stan Hurn, State Secretary
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- Mandy McDonald, State Administrator
  - Email: [rhodesqueensland@qut.edu.au](mailto:rhodesqueensland@qut.edu.au)
  - Web site: [www.qut.edu.au/rhodes](http://www.qut.edu.au/rhodes)





# Dr Kathryn Woodward

A graduate of Griffith University's Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine programs, Kathryn moved to the UK in 2022 to undertake further study as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University. In 2022/23, Kathryn read for an MSc Applied Digital Health, graduating with Distinction. In January this year, she commenced a DPhil in Primary Health Care investigating the health experiences of refugees resettled in rural and regional areas.

Rhodes Australia-at-Large Scholar & Lincoln  
2022





# Questions & Answers



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John Monash  
Foundation

# The John Monash Scholarship

*Australia's home-grown, prestigious postgraduate program for study overseas*





## Acknowledgement of Country

*The office of the General Sir John Monash Foundation sits on Wurundjeri country. We warmly acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work. We also acknowledge the lands on which Griffiths University has campuses -the land of the **Yugarabul, Yuggera, Jagera, Turrbal Yugambeh and Kombumerri** peoples.*

*We are gathered today and pay our respects to the Elders past and present of all the lands we meet on today. We would also like to acknowledge and pay our respects to all the traditional custodians of this vast continent, on whose lands our Scholars have been nurtured, which our supporters, board members and staff call home, and where, as a national organisation, we often gather.*



*The privilege of education carries great responsibilities — it is given not for individual benefit alone, but to benefit persons for the higher duties of citizenship and for roles of leadership in all fields to make Australia great.*

General Sir John Monash, 1920

## About the John Monash Scholarship

- A uniquely Australian scholarship
- Open to all fields of study
- No age limits for applicants
- We encourage applicants to select world-leading institutions that best suit their studies and desired area of impact, wherever that may be
- Scholars join a professional and international network and receive ongoing career support and professional development through the John Monash Leadership Academy
- As of February 2024, the Academy has **264 Scholars**





## Could you be a John Monash Scholar?

### *To be eligible to apply you must ...*

- Be an Australian citizen
- Have completed (or be about to complete) a degree from an Australian university
- Be planning to undertake postgraduate study at an overseas university commencing in the calendar year following the year of application and selection (it is not necessary to have already been accepted to the institution at the time of applying)
- Be able to argue the merits of the chosen course and institution and how they are best positioned to drive progress in the chosen field of study
- Be able to demonstrate a commitment to leadership for others

*Our selection criteria are based on the qualities modelled by General Sir John Monash ...*

### **Excellence**

Evidenced through a university degree obtained with outstanding results, or through prizes, awards, publications, performance, exhibitions, enterprises and excellence in professional endeavours

### **Leadership**

Demonstrated leadership experience or potential in the field of study, professional environment and/or the community

### **Citizenship**

A clearly identified career pathway that evidences ability to contribute to Australia and a clear career trajectory that demonstrates a benefit to society (this includes a well-developed case for choosing a university relevant to the proposed area of study)







## What is the John Monash Scholarship worth?

- \$80,000 a year for up to three years
- The funding can be used for tuition, living expenses, insurance or other expenses to support studies
- Support with a return flight from Australia
- Membership of the John Monash Leadership Academy



## The John Monash Foundation Leadership Academy

- At the John Monash Foundation Leadership Academy the development of Scholars does not end with the scholarship, it's only the start.
- We have an ongoing commitment to support John Monash Scholars in taking action to address the real challenges we face today.
- The Leadership Academy facilitates the John Monash Scholar leadership journey by creating a platform for leadership development and engagement within the community across all sectors
- The Academy is governed by an eminent Advisory Board with extensive leadership experience and our Patron is the Hon. Julia Gillard AC.

## Additional benefits

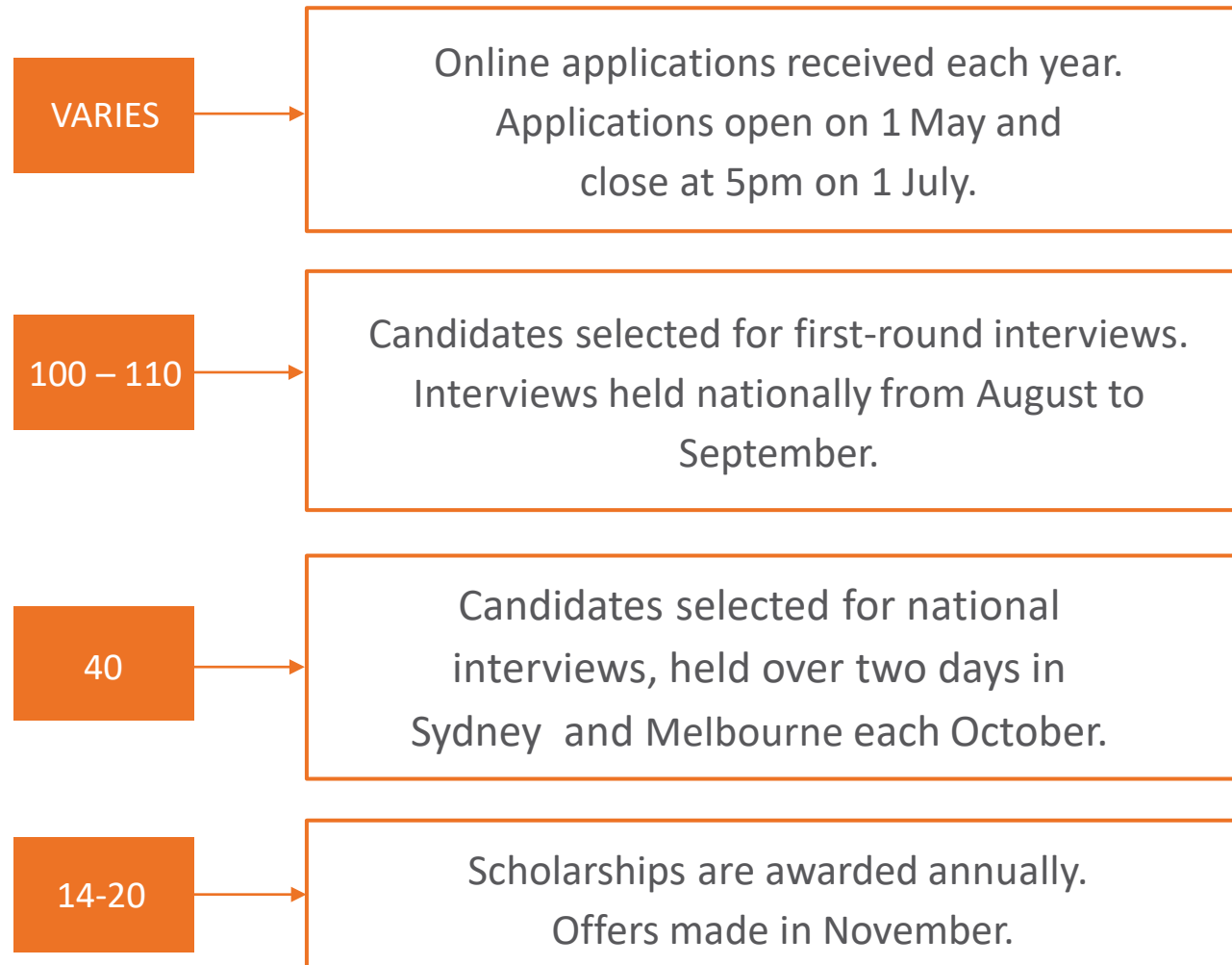
*Receive additional financial support from our partner universities ...*

The Foundation has negotiated partnership arrangements with a range of overseas institutions

<b>Kings College London (UK)</b>	Additional £5,000 bursary
<b>IE University Madrid (Spain)</b>	30% fee waiver
<b>Cranfield University (UK)</b>	Full fee waiver for Masters programs (except the MBA)
<b>The University of Groningen (Netherlands)</b>	Full fee waiver for PhDs
<b>Weizmann Institute of Science (Israel)</b>	Full fee waiver for PhDs



## Application and selection process





## The online application

### *Key requirements ...*

- General information
- Academic summary
- Professional experience
- Leadership, engagement and impact
- Personal statements
- Referees

# IMPORTANT DATES

Applications open – 1 May 2024  
Applications close – 1 July 2024, 5pm AEST

## Q&A





General Sir  
**John Monash**  
Foundation

## More questions?

Contact [info@johnmonash.com](mailto:info@johnmonash.com)

Visit our website ([www.johnmonash.com](http://www.johnmonash.com)) to subscribe to our **MonashMinds** newsletter.

Follow us on **LinkedIn** to learn about events and the achievements of our Scholars.

Webinars are held in May and June. Check our website for dates and times.



## Praneel Kumar

Praneel is an obstetrics and gynaecology registrar who completed his Doctor of Medicine at Griffith University in 2016.

He is currently volunteering at Port Moresby General Hospital's labour ward which supervises over 15,000 deliveries per year. His role will include teaching and education of the medical students and junior registrars as well as clinical service provision.

Praneel aims to continue working in resource-limited settings in the Asia-Pacific region to improve the maternal outcomes for the most disadvantaged by combining his clinical and public health skills.







# Questions & Answers

## The New Colombo Plan Scholarship

### **Rhys Cooper**

Manager, Student Academy of Excellence  
New Colombo Plan Liaison Officer

### **Jordan McGrath**

Bachelor of Advanced Science student (Griffith)  
New Colombo Plan Scholar



# The New Colombo Plan Scholarship

- THE undergraduate scholarship for Australian students
- Run by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- Study and Internships in Asia-Pacific
- 6-18 Months
- Worth up to \$85,000
  
- Save your free choice electives!
- Join the NCPS Teams space today
  
- Support with application
- Support with interviews
- Connection to mentors and other applicants

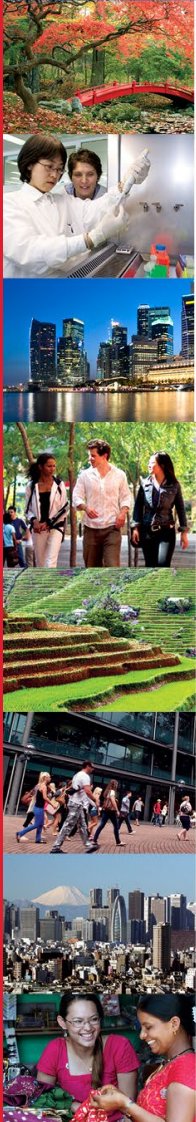




## What is the New Colombo Plan?

“a signature initiative of the Australian Government which aims to lift knowledge of the Indo Pacific in Australia by supporting Australian undergraduates to study and undertake internships in the region”

- is intended to be transformational, deepening Australia's relationships in the region, both at the individual level and through expanding university, business and other links
- A government pillar of ensuring regional security and future prosperity through person-to-person connections

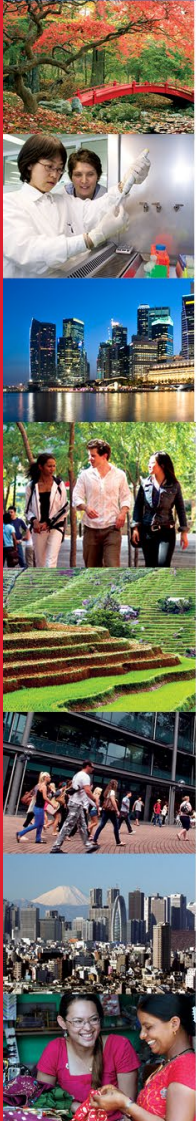




## What is the New Colombo Plan?

- Australian Undergraduates
- Study, Language Training, Internships & Mentorships
- 40 host locations across the Indo-Pacific Region

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





# Jordan McGrath

Jordan is a proud Lunga Kija man with a passion for the environment. He hopes to improve the Earth's ecosystems in a rapidly expanding modern urban society. He studies wildlife biology and applied mathematics in the hopes of combining them to do research in ecological modelling. Jordan feels that using mathematics to inform conservation action is vital to maximising the protected ecosystems. In addition to his research involvement, he works at an environmental consultancy to assist in resolving the issues of human-wildlife conflict, such that neither side is harmed.



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Connect to Australia's future - study in the region

# My New Colombo Plan Journey

By Jordan McGrath



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# Who am I?

- Proud Lunga Kija Man
- Advanced Science student - Major in Wildlife Biology and Applied Mathematics
- Work at Ecosure, an environmental consultancy in SE QLD
- I enjoy bush walks, bird watching, playing the cello, and board games



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# Singapore

- National University of Singapore
- Centre for Nature Based Climate Solutions
- Theoretical Ecology Lab



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# Vietnam

- Save Vietnam's Wildlife
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Australia and Vietnam



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# Japan

- Hokkaido JaLS
- Internship Picchio



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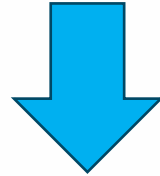


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# Connections I made along the way

Singapore (living off campus, professional connections)



Vietnam (professional and local/international connections)



Japan (primarily local/international connections)



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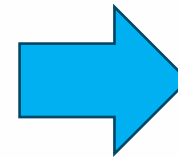
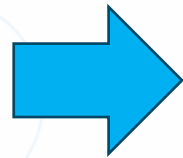


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# How did NCP help me?

- Help realise passions and ideas
- Assisted in creating valuable connections
- Enhanced cultural appreciation
- Better understanding of myself and my identity



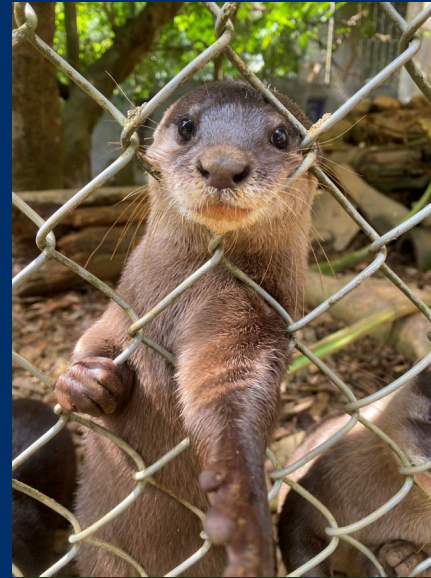
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# Thanks for your attention!



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# Questions & Answers



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# Ramsay Postgraduate Scholarships

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[www.ramsaycentre.org](http://www.ramsaycentre.org)





## **Professor Diana Glenn**

Diana Glenn is Academic Director of the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation and is an experienced and dedicated leader in higher education, a Dante scholar and award-winning tertiary educator. Before joining the Centre, she was the National Head of the School of Arts at Australian Catholic University, and before that, the Dean of the School of Humanities and Creative Arts at Flinders University. She has previously taught at the University of Melbourne, the University of Adelaide and Flinders University.



Are you a future leader  
contemplating the  
transformative experience of  
postgraduate study abroad?

Leading Australian businessman and philanthropist Paul Ramsay AO (1936-2014) wanted to support outstanding, imaginative, thoughtful young Australians like you on their postgraduate journey.

If you are accepted into a graduate program abroad at a world-leading university and are committed to advancing a richer and deeper understanding of our civilisation, you could be eligible for one of the most generous scholarships currently on offer in Australia.

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# About Paul Ramsay

Paul Ramsay AO (1936-2014) was a leading Australian businessman and philanthropist.

The Ramsay Postgraduate Scholarships were established through the generosity of the founder of the Ramsay Centre, Mr Paul Ramsay.

The scholarships support outstanding, thoughtful and imaginative young Australians - our future leaders and critical thinkers - to undertake graduate study overseas.





*The past is insight. The future is in sight.*

# Scholarship Categories

Our scholarships are some of the most generous currently on offer in Australia.

They support one, two and, in select cases, three years of coursework and/or research.

There are two main types of scholarship available

1. World Universities Ramsay Postgraduate Scholarship (Value of AUD\$90,000 p.a.)
2. St John's College, Annapolis, Master of Liberal Arts Scholarship and Washington DC Internship Program (Value of AUD\$75,000 p.a. for two years)

Applicants in both categories will need to be Australian citizens or permanent residents and have secured a place in a relevant graduate program abroad before finalising their application.

Up to 25 scholarships a year may be awarded, with the majority awarded in category 1.



# World Universities Scholarship

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The experience of studying abroad at some of the world's most coveted academic institutions is an experience like no other.

Our benefactor Paul Ramsay wanted to support young Australian leaders in their pursuit of this opportunity, so they could realise their goals and make their own unique contribution to Australian society.

Our World Universities Ramsay Postgraduate Scholarship supports young Australians to undertake graduate study at the world's best universities (e.g. Oxford, Cambridge, UCL, Harvard, Princeton, Bologna etc.) for one, two and, in select cases, three years of graduate coursework and/or research.

Levels of support are fully competitive with the Rhodes, John Monash, Fulbright and other major scholarships.

Value: AUD\$90,000 p.a.

The scholarship payment is a contribution towards tuition, living and travel costs associated with postgraduate study. Students applying for the scholarship will need to have secured a place in a graduate program abroad before finalising their application.



World Universities Scholarship



# St John's College Scholarship, Annapolis



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Are you ready to embark on a world-class education that will push you to think with some of history's most brilliant philosophers, poets, and scientists?

At St John's, great books—and great discussions—are the heart of the college's distinctive liberal arts program. By reading great books and working together on the fundamental questions that they raise, students and teachers engage in a unique learning experience based on small-group discussions and discover more deeply their shared humanity. Students leave St John's intelligently and critically appreciative of their common heritage and well equipped to master the specific skills of a range of professional settings.

Our Ramsay scholarship supports up to six Australians a year to:

- undertake the Master of Arts in the Liberal Arts at St John's, focusing on great books of the Western canon
- participate in an internship program in an area of interest in Washington D.C

Value: AUD\$75,000 p.a. for two years

The scholarship payment is a contribution towards tuition, living and travel costs associated with postgraduate study.

St John's is situated in Annapolis, an idyllic sea-side city founded in 1649 that is capital of the state of Maryland and the original capital of the US.

Scholars will have opportunities to participate in a Washington DC internship. St John's College will assign a mentor to assist scholars individually to secure internships in their unique areas of interest.



St John's College, Annapolis, Scholarship



# Selection Criteria

Our Ramsay scholars will be selected on the basis of:

- Strength of character, leadership qualities, commitment to serve others
- Outstanding academic achievement
- Commitment to advancing a richer and deeper understanding of our civilisation

To apply:

1. May-Dec 2024 Express your interest in the Ramsay Postgraduate Scholarship or ask any questions by emailing [postgrad@ramsaycentre.org](mailto:postgrad@ramsaycentre.org)
2. Sep 2024-Jan 2025 Commence and finalise your application for overseas study with the institution of your choice
3. **1 Feb - End March 2025** Commence your scholarship application via our website. Applications close **End March 2025.**

More detailed selection criteria and application information is available on our website.



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# St. John's Scholarship Experience

2022 Scholar - Michael Connors



# St. John's College

- Unique Great Books Program
- Community Experience
- Highly Regarded in Academic and Political Circles



# What Did I Learn?

- What Are the Perennial Ideas?
- What is Virtue, Beauty, Wisdom?
- How Should I Live?
- How Should We Live Together?
- How Do We *Learn* or *Know* Things?





# The Ramsay Experience

- Leadership Opportunities
- Wider Network of Colleagues
- Diverse Learning Opportunities
- Professional Development, Collaboration
- Career Advancement



# Scotland Fellowship

- Common Sense Society
- DC Think Tank
- 6 Days at a Castle
- Principles of Western Civilisation
- Niall Ferguson, James Orr
- Alumni Network



# Academic Work Experience

- 2 weeks Teaching Assistant for UATX
- TA for Rob Henderson, Mark Lilla
- Assisted with Logistics and Organization of 2 Student Cohorts
- Lectures, Seminars, Discussions With Renowned Academics and Thinkers



# North American Scholar Events

- Collaborate with Prime Minister
- Tour of U.S. Capitol Building
- Tour of D.C.
- Tour of National War Memorial
- Presentation at Australian Embassy
- Seminar at Ramsay Accommodation
- NY Australian Embassy



# Future Employment

- Life Changing Opportunity
- Scholar Alumni Network
- Postgraduation Work in the States
- Bringing Knowledge Gained Back to Australia





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# Dr Peter Binks

Formerly Griffith's Vice President of Industry and External Engagement, Dr Peter Binks is a Rhodes Scholar with a PhD in astrophysics from Oxford University.

He maintains an active interest in Prestigious External Scholarships.

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# Q's and key messages:

## 1. *What makes a compelling application?*

- Understand each scholarship, type of support provided and alumni, university options

## 2. *Talking about yourself.*

- A convincing “backstory” with evidence of excellence (academic and professional); an exciting “forwardstory.”
- Curiosity – include the things that make you interesting or different beyond your academic/professional
- Authenticity – written from the heart NOT for the panel.

## 3. *Writing about your leadership?*

- Leadership is personal and unique to you. Understand your leadership style, who &/or what has shaped your views, & your approach to leading others both formally & informally
- 'Tell a story' about you as a leader, your journey (situation, actions & impact) and what difference you have made. What were the challenges, learning, changes in your approach and impact. Suggest - two key examples
- Leadership is about partnerships, community and the people you have worked with

## 4. *Writing a personal statement?*

- This is not a CV. It is your story! You need to understand and be able to talk about you! your values, drivers, passions... First, talk about your background where you grew up, the people (parents, community, teachers ) and experiences that shape you.
- Then ask yourself “when did things change?” “when did I get serious?” “what experiences shaped me?” Finally, the future and what difference you want to make
- Write it 10 or more times and keep thinking about and talking about who you are and why

## 5. *What support can I get & do I need?*

- This is hard! Cannot do it on your own. Applications benefit from different perspectives & expertise (e.g. editor)
- Build a squad of people who will support and assist you: Mentors, referees, scholarship alumni, university support, shoulders to cry on, peer reviewers, practice interview panellists.....





## A few other points: *a strong application is persuasive providing evidence of*

- **Passion** - for your field, study & personal endeavours
- **Vision** for yourself, the world & your field – don't be shy, be ambitious
- **Excellence** – demonstrates academic & other achievements
- **Innovation** of your research and what you plan to do – creative, inspired thinking
- **Partnerships, collaborations and linkages**
- **Ambassadorial skills** your community engagement / involvement – you have to be able to articulate all of this
- **Personality and Adaptability** in applicants - looking for rounded people
- **Peer reviewed** - get feedback people from outside your discipline Written in simple plain English, appeals to multi-disciplinary panel

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## Thank you and close

- Attendees' email: Prestigious Scholarships team to send a link to Griffith University's Prestigious Scholarships webpage to access Information Session MP4 recording & further details.
- Recommend subscribe to individual scholarship organisations for email updates & follow social media
- Register and attend specific organisations scholarship information sessions
- If planning to apply, contact the Prestigious Scholarships team for support and connection to GU network.

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