

2024 Prestigious External Scholarships Information Session Audio Transcript

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Victoria Menzies

Sorry acknowledgement for the land in which the terrible people of the land of which we're meeting today pay my respects, about elders past, present and emerging.

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Victoria Menzies

And also say that this evening is being recorded and it will be available later on for people to view. If you go to the prestigious scholarship information site, I'd like now to hand over to our Vice Chancellor and President, Caroline Evans.

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Victoria Menzies

Carolyn was a riot scholar herself, and she's also a Fulbright scholar.

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Victoria Menzies

With that, thank you. Carolyn, if you could please turn your mic and your camera on.

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Carolyn Evans

Thanks, Victoria. Good afternoon, everybody. Thank you for being here today. Can I join Victoria in acknowledging the traditional custodians of the lands on which we're meeting on the lands of the turbulent and the Agri people? I pay my respects, their elders past and present and particularly welcome here tonight. Any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, staff or alumni that we have with us, can I also thank all of the people who are involved, not just in tonight but in the great work that Griffith does to really support our students and our staff and alumni.

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Carolyn Evans

Try and make sure that the talented people who are engaged and associated with Griffith have a great opportunity to show those talents and to partake in some of these scholarship activities. So Victoria, of course, who's a fabulous coach Reese and all of the team at the Student Academy of Excellence Prep for the organisation Tonight, but also a big shout out to everybody who is joining us to speak some from Australia and some indeed from around the world. We're going to have a really good opportunity to get an oversight of these different scholarships today.

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Carolyn Evans

We really want to make sure Griffith, that you're given the right support, help, advice and information to have your best shot at putting your head in the ring for these prestigious scholarships.

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Carolyn Evans

Sometimes people who go to Griffith can tend to be a bit modest and think, oh, maybe this isn't for me, but increasingly we're seeing that that is not the case. In 2024, for example, we've got 2 Griffith

alumni got Generals John Monash Scholarships, Dr Praniel Kumar, who I think we'll hear from tonight, and Doctor Dinesh Palapina.

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Carolyn Evans

And one alumni, who was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship. Six students awarded New Colombo plan scholarships, and we've currently got 22 members of our group of Community carrying out their new Colombo plan scholarships residing in countries across the Indo Pacific region had a good chance to talk to some of those who are leaving this year. At late last year, and they're just doing such amazingly exciting things. So there's every reason to believe that from Griffith, you have an opportunity to be considered and understood at that these programmes.

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Carolyn Evans

And they can be absolutely, absolutely life changing, life changing.

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Carolyn Evans

Now, as Victoria said, I've seen scholarships from both sides of the table, so I've been a Rhodes Scholar myself and am was fortunate enough to be a Fulbright scheming scholar. But I also sat as the Secretary on the roads panel I've been now for a short time, a little bit involved in the Fulbright panel, and a couple of other scholarships, and I suppose I it's helpful to have a few piece of advice in this regard the first years.

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Carolyn Evans

It takes time and effort and energy and thought to apply for these scholarships, but it is very much worthwhile.

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Carolyn Evans

You can't set your heart on one scholarship and say I'm definitely going to get this scholarship to this university through this course and that's all that I ever want to do. I would very much advise people to put in lots of scholarship applications. We all tell you about the scholarships that we've been successful in, but I would very upfront about the fact that I applied for a lot of scholarships and was knocked back for most of them before receiving the roads.

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Carolyn Evans

And having sat on the roads panel, I know we've selected some brilliant people, but I also know we haven't been able to select some brilliant people and as years have gone by, I've seen those people thrive in all sorts of situations as well. So you have to be resilient, you have to be prepared to try a few different methods of trying to get to study overseas and undertake the study that you want. But I really would encourage you to think about doing that anyway. It's a great process, even if you end up without any of these scholarships. And that is ultimately the fate of most of the people who apply for them.

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Carolyn Evans

It's really a great opportunity for you to stop, to think about yourself, what you want to do with your

life, how further study might help with that, how being overseas might help with that, what your contribution is going to be.

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Carolyn Evans

So some of the things I've heard from unsuccessful candidates are it was a terrific experience as it made me think about my life, my future, what I really wanted to do, another person saying go through the application process forced me to think about the things I'm good at and the things I need to build on.

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Carolyn Evans

And finally, it's something that made me think genuinely about my vision and what I want to give back to society. So through the process, you go to challenge yourself, you're going to make interesting and engaged people, and if you make it through to the interview, you're probably going to be interviewed by some really interesting Australians. People have had great careers, so the process itself can be really interesting and revealing, and I encourage you to think about it as an invaluable learning experience where of course you absolutely want to win the scholarship at the end. But if, but if you don't, there's still much that you might learn and it can help you with life.

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Carolyn Evans

You do need a healthy ability to be resilient and to recognise and remember that plenty of people who have gone through these processes and haven't been successful or have had to go through them a number of times before they've been successful have gone on to have great careers. Think about Plan B in terms of different scholarship options, but also different parts if this is what you want to achieve in life. Having a scholarship to study overseas might be one way of doing it. What might be other ways? What are the different opportunities that might help you get there?

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Carolyn Evans

I'm going to encourage you to think not only about what you would get out of being awarded a scholarship, which is of course important, but also what you bring to the table. What are your talents, abilities, backgrounds, leadership, skill and vision. Most importantly, what do you want to give back?

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Carolyn Evans

If you're successful, are you going to be the sort of person that people who sat on your selection panel are going to think? Oh, in five or 10 or 50 years time? I'm so glad we gave the scholarship to that person. Look at all that they've contributed, not just that they're successful individuals, but look at what they've contributed.

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Carolyn Evans

If you maintain that focus on what do I want to give back? What do I want to contribute? I think you'll find the process very rewarding. As I say at Griffith, we would like to support you through that journey. We are very lucky now to have alumni and former staff members who have been involved in these scholarships who've been successful in these scholarships and they give back very generously

of their time and efforts. I've spoken to many of our successful awardees who talked about the experiences that they've had elsewhere.

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Carolyn Evans

And Rick, the experiences that others that they've met have had at other universities and suddenly realising just how much effort Griffith goes to to make it successful. There's a reason for that. Your success is our success. It's fabulous for the university where we can show some of our best students and staff and alumni overseas and some of the world's great institutions showing that they are absolutely capable of studying at that level of succeeding at that level. So congratulations and finally, thank you to all of you tonight for coming along.

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Carolyn Evans

For taking some time out of the business that we all have in our lives, where there are heaps of immediate things, but things that might not be as important in the long term as thinking about how you're going to invest in yourself and how you're going to think about your future, both what a scholarship might do for you and what you might be able to do for the world with a scholarship. I hope that you find tonight useful and informative. I wish you all the best with your applications and thank you again to everybody who's joining us to support.

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Carolyn Evans

Our applicants tonight.

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Victoria Menzies

Thank you, Carolyn, for those really thoughtful reflections on your experience of having applied and being both a roads and Fulbright Scholar, as well as being on the panels. And I just also want to stress, Carolyn, a couple of key points that Caroline raised. First of all, it does take commitment. It is really about passion and commitment. If this is something you really, really want, you'll find a way to do it.

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Victoria Menzies

And the second thing is that it is the truly transformational experience, the process of applying.

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Victoria Menzies

Having worked with so many people who have applied and been unsuccessful, but they learn so much about their goals, their values, their strengths that I cannot stress how valuable it really is for you. So thank you again, Carolyn, for sharing those insights now this evening. As I mentioned earlier, we have a number of programmes that are presenting not all of the programmes we'll be presenting Fulbright Roads, John Monash, New Columbo Plan and Ramsey now new Columbo plan, is the only one that is actually available.

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Victoria Menzies

To undergraduates, all of the other ones are looking at postgraduates or people who are like Fort Bride for professionals.

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Victoria Menzies

They are all international scholarships. They are not for scholarships to study within Australia. They're all international. So that's a really important thing to clarify with you all the time is very, very tight. We just have 15. What will have minutes per session? What will happen is that each the whole session is recorded. It will be available for you later on. We have someone from the actual scholarship team present. Following that there will be one of one of our fantastic alumni.

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Victoria Menzies

Who have received one of those scholarships. So with that, I would like to hand over, first of all to tomorrow from from Fulbright, who was going to share information about her programme and the scholarship. So tomorrow, if you could very kindly turn your camera and your mic on.

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Tamara Manson

Hi, thank you very much. Thank you, Victoria. Thank you, Caroline, and thank you Brett for organising this evening. I'm very grateful to be here with everyone tonight to be able to share some more information about the Fulbright programme, so there's a little bit of information here about me. I'm a programme officer at the Australian American Fulbright Commission and I'm responsible for the scholar portfolio, but I will also be speaking to the postgraduate student programme as well.

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Tamara Manson

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Tamara Manson

First, I'd like to, on behalf of the.

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Tamara Manson

Bright Commission acknowledge and pay respects to the Nunawal and Yambri peoples as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet. I am joining this evening from Canberra and so I am on nunnery and yambury land.

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Tamara Manson

So a little bit of background about Fulbright the programme. It's an educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States. It was established to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen the relationships between the two countries.

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Tamara Manson

So we offer research and study programmes for Australians to undertake research at US institutions and for Americans to undertake research at Australian institutions so.

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Tamara Manson

We were established by William J Fulbright.

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Tamara Manson

In the in 1946, with the ethos of turning swords into Ploughshares, so essentially excess World War Two materials were sold to fund to academic exchanges, I always like to give a little bit of background about our history. I think it's really useful to understand where the organisation comes from and to see where we're going in the future. So essentially that the programme is is founded on the establishment of mutual respect and understanding and promoting peace and.

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Tamara Manson

Long lasting education relationships.

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Tamara Manson

Over our 75 year history, we've had over 5500 Australian or American scholars go through the Australian programme.

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Tamara Manson

So for anyone who is looking to apply, you'd be contributing to a long lasting 75 year legacy and joining an alumni programme of over 5000.

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Tamara Manson

Awardees this evening. We'll be hearing from Grace Managhan, which is one of both a Fulbright alumni and a Griffith alumni, and she'll be speaking to the Masters programme.

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Tamara Manson

Is undertaking.

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Tamara Manson

So there's a lot of. There's so many reasons that you should, we would encourage you to apply, apply for a Fulbright scholarship. Of course, there's the cultural and long lasting educational benefits, but I've just left this slide up for a little bit more information about the actual.

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Tamara Manson

Material benefits of the scholarships as well, so they do vary between 30,000 and 500,000 Australian dollars in value at which really depends on the category in the award. So we offer awards for.

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Tamara Manson

Between four months and up to five years, depending on whether you're applying for a research programme or a PhD programme.

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Tamara Manson

So we offer about 70 scholarships annually, so there are postgraduate scholarships, postdoctoral scholarships and scholar awards.

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Tamara Manson

And also a distinguished chair awards our postgraduate scholarships are for students who are seeking to undertake Masters or PhD programmes. We have. You can see on the slides the list of the postgraduate scholarships that we have available on the next slide. I'll go through to the postdoctoral catalogue, which is a list of our postdoctoral awards. This is for early career researchers who have completed their PhD in the last five years.

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Tamara Manson

And on the next slide, we have the Scholar awards and so you can see this is quite an extensive range because we recognise that this is for anyone from a senior lecturer all the way through to a distinguished chair who may be looking to complete a short term research project in the US so on the next slide, I'll talk a little bit more about our Fulbright future scholarships, which are available across all categories. These are our most generous scholarships and focus on STEM projects in.

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Tamara Manson

Areas that have.

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Tamara Manson

Significant or tangible impact on Australia moving forward to the next slide, I'll speak very quickly to the eligibility and selection criteria. We're only open to Australian citizens. However, if you are joining the call and you're an international student or an international researcher, I'd highly recommend that you look into the Fulbright programme in your own in your country of citizenship because the programme is available across 160 countries, so there is a chance that it would be available through your home country.

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Tamara Manson

You must also have an undergraduate degree, but other than that there are no age limits. It's open to any field and any host institution, including non academic institutions. So for those in the creative arts, we're open to museums or to art galleries or various hosts.

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Tamara Manson

We'd also encourage you to think creatively and broadly about what kind of host institution you might want to go work with.

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Tamara Manson

Fulbright Scholars are selected on based on.

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Tamara Manson

A series of criteria, including the academic merit, but I would like to stress that our focus on ambassadorial skills as well, it's one of the unique parts of the Fulbright programme, is that it's highly focused on your personal qualities and your ability to represent Fulbright in Australia internationally.

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Tamara Manson

Finally, I've just got some information there about the application components. It is a relatively detailed application, so we give you a period of about four months to apply.

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Tamara Manson

On the next slide, there's the application timeline. Their current applications are currently open. If you are interested in applying your best resources our website, but you also have access to our alumni programme, which is called AFA, AFA. They are able to provide some more detailed information about the application process. If you're not able to find enough advice available on our website.

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Tamara Manson

On the next slide.

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Tamara Manson

We've just got here are my contact details for the organisation. I'd really encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or if you're wanting to get in contact with AFA. We're able to provide some some more information about how to apply and some general eligibility criteria questions, but again, if you're looking for some perhaps interview coaching or some more information about the details of the application, we can put you in contact with our alumni who are incredibly generous with their time.

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Tamara Manson

And on that note, I am going to pass over to Grace, who will give a little bit of background on her proposed project that she's going to be undertaking.

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Manahan, Grace

Thanks, Tamara. It's great to be speaking with everyone this evening. And I echo the welcome to country from Professor Evans. I'm dialling in from the yoga burea and Turrible lands in Brisbane and it's great to be speaking with you because I've benefited from this forum having attended multiple times, so it's nice to be sharing an update, which is that I'll be heading to DC on a Fulbright scholarship. So I want to sort of break my reflections up into.

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Manahan, Grace

The technical aspects of the application, which is what tomorrow's just spoken on.

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Manahan, Grace

And then interview and application processes generally, which I'll keep brief because Peter and Victoria will speak on this at the end, which I'd implore you, regardless of which scholarship you're applying for, to stay on the line for.

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Manahan, Grace

So if you're applying for Fulbright at this stage, you've probably taken a look at the application you're familiar with the questions, as Tamara said, it's quite detailed. So to begin, I'd encourage you to understand the history of Senator Fulbright.

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Manahan, Grace

There is that ambassadorial focus, which is very specific to Fulbright, and it makes for an interesting lens from which to attack your application. It's a bit like a university assignment in the sense there's lots of short questions and some scope for some long form questions, and this is difficult to do in a short period of time and it requires some contemplation and some thought and some conversation. So I think.

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Manahan, Grace

On reflection, and having spoken with other scholars recently, the thing that people struggle to articulate the most is why it has to be this particular institution in the US that you're studying at. Why could you not, you know, study in Australia or study, you know, somewhere else and other reputable institution abroad and also?

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Manahan, Grace

What gap are you feeling? What benefit are you going to get from your scholarship, whether that be a masters or a PhD?

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Manahan, Grace

So make sure the applicant's on the line. Otherwise you know, maybe experience in a lab, etcetera, that you're going to bring back to Australia because it's a two way exchange of you're receiving this benefit of going somewhere, but you have to be able to articulate what you're bringing back. And for me, I'm doing my masters in studying national security law. I really spoke to the aspects of Australia's relationship with the US and how.

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Manahan, Grace

Our activities in the sort of military and legal space are very intertwined, so it.

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Manahan, Grace

Is a little bit more, maybe easy to speak to with some tangible examples in that space, but if you're doing something that has a less obvious application of us and Australian partnership, you need to give some thought to that. On the topic of referees, I think this is something that is a relationship that also takes time. I'd recommend getting on top of your referees who you'd like to approach early, and maybe you're applying this year. Maybe you're thinking of applying in future years.

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Manahan, Grace

It's never too early to start, you know, seeking out a mentor or chatting to some people that you'd consider to be referees and explaining to them, you know, down the track. I'd like to be able to help you support my application through a referee report and having that conversation early definitely don't leave it to the last minute. And then for the interview itself, I'm really emphasise the point that if you've gotten to the interview, congratulations, you've written a great application. Try and

relax to the extent possible, even though that's probably a throwaway line, but it's really an opportunity for the panel.

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Manahan, Grace

To get to know you better.

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Manahan, Grace

So I'd employ you to just take it a little bit more conversationally and relax as opposed to trying to really script out answers, which is what I see people doing. You know, trying to guess the questions and and have a written prose in their head.

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Manahan, Grace

Reflections generally.

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Manahan, Grace

I came across this quote the other day, which it was an Oprah quote, which is something that I probably wouldn't ordinarily come across, but she'd said that people don't get where they want to go because they don't know where they want to go. And she said this on some talk show, but that was so relatable to me because my biggest issue in putting pen to paper was not being able to clearly state what I wanted my outcome to be. I knew I wanted to take a particular masters, but I couldn't explain clearly.

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Manahan, Grace

Why and where that would get me, you know, five, 10-15 years. So spending some time with your thoughts, I always say shower thoughts are the best. You know, you have 5 minutes of forced absolutely no stimuli, you know, think be alone with your thoughts and get out and shut them down.

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Manahan, Grace

But there is a lot of sort of back and forth and internal drafting on these scholarships. Some you can consult people with, some you can't. Fulbright doesn't stipulate, but I encourage you to try and tackle that yourself and and give yourself time and space for a few draughts.

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Manahan, Grace

So they're they're my main takeaways. It's confronting to have to, you know, set out a a career plan. But remember it's just your application for this point in your life. It doesn't have to be forever. Good luck.

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Victoria Menzies

Tamara, there is one question there.

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Victoria Menzies

And Alicia has asked, are you able to apply now? I'm assuming she's talking about finishing study at

the end of this this year for next year. So are you able to apply for 2025 if you finish your undergraduate degree at the end of the year? And I'm assuming it's this year she's referring to?

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Tamara Manson

Yeah, of course. So the applications I call that's currently open is for candidates who would be starting their programmes between August 2025 and May 2026. Now to clarify, that doesn't mean that you need to complete your programme during that entire time. But that does mean you need to land in the US and start your programme during that period.

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Tamara Manson

I can see another question from Tanya which is asking if you can have two hosts within an American University. You absolutely can. You can have multiple host institutions. You can have multiple host.

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Tamara Manson

Faculty members. If you have multiple host institutions, you'll need to provide a letter of invitation from each of them in your application. But there's more information about that in the FAQ section on our website, and I can see a question from Josh about ambassadorial skills.

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Tamara Manson

So we really encourage applicants to take this in their own stride and and kind of think about what ambassador means to them personally. We have so many different scholars and so many different awardees with very different backgrounds. And so it means they represent Australia in a very unique way. There's no kind of patent right answer on what a good ambassador looks like. But when we are looking for candidates, what we're looking for is someone who has thought very carefully about what it means to represent their country and represent Fulbright.

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Tamara Manson

And has has had been able to kind of shape that in a way that makes sense for them. Some people are super outgoing and and so being an ambassador means being really involved in everything that's that comes up for them and for other people, they're more reserved and more.

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Tamara Manson

Kind of inclined to to be a really strong listener and so yeah, it can really vary. I hope that answers your question, Josh, but if you are thinking of implying and you're thinking about an ambassador, think about what that would look like for you and what that means for your personality and who you are as a person.

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Tamara Manson

I think that's all the questions in the chat, but I'm going to stick around and answer any questions related to Fulbright in the chat if they come up. Otherwise, Victoria might pass back to you.

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Victoria Menzies

Thank you. Tomorrow and I'm going to hand over to Stan from Rhodes. Stan, if you can please turn your mic and your camera on.

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Stan Hurn

Hi, good evening everyone.

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Stan Hurn

Now I had a little bit of trouble when I logged on this evening, so I hope that everyone can hear and see me.

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Stan Hurn

So I'm going to be talking about the Rhodes Scholarship.

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Stan Hurn

For applicants applying this year for 2025 S, what is the Rhodes scholarship? Well, it's one of the oldest and most prestigious scholarships in the world, and it's a fully funded scholarship for you to attend and study at Oxford for two years.

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Stan Hurn

It's all expensive, all expenses paid.

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Stan Hurn

And includes a.

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Stan Hurn

Return airfare and I just want to clarify, I just reading through the slides earlier, two economy class flight to and from the UK might be construed as being two return flights to to the UK. It's actually one flight there and one flight back. Are you one return one return airfare? You get all all your university fees paid. You also get a very generous stipend which you can use to experience life to the full in Oxford. And I'm sure that.

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Stan Hurn

Catherine Woodward, who's a recent scholar and a Griffith alumni who's talking after me.

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Stan Hurn

Will talk to you very eloquently about how good it is to live and work in Oxford.

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Stan Hurn

Eligibility. Our eligibility criteria are quite strict and the one that I want to bring to your attention is the age criteria. So you have to be under 24, you have to be 24 years or under and the 1st of October of this year. So that's quite a that's a very strict age eligibility criteria which we enforce quite strictly.

There is there is an ability to extend that age to 26 years and that's for people who have a non traditional path and.

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Stan Hurn

To university and I receiving their first degree on or after the 1st of July.

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Stan Hurn

2023 so you'd need to just consult the eligibility criteria on the roads website carefully before before applying the other thing I'll draw to your attention is the GPA requirement of 6.75. Now this is not a strict requirement. As such, it's more a guideline, but I should emphasise that entry into Oxford is becoming more and more and more difficult.

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Stan Hurn

And 6.75 is probably a minimum GPA for you to be seriously considering applying.

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Stan Hurn

There are also some Oxford courses that have entry requirements over and above the GPA, so you just need to ensure that if you make an application, you meet the entry requirements for the course at Oxford for which you are applying.

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Stan Hurn

If you apply and you're unsuccessful, you're allowed to apply again. I should point out that there are 9 scholarships in all in Australia, but there's only one Queensland scholarship, so there is also the opportunity. If you're unsuccessful in the Queensland around but you are deemed to be a very good candidate, we send you off to have a second shot at the Australia at large scholarships.

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Stan Hurn

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Stan Hurn

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Stan Hurn

So what are selectors looking for? Very broadly speaking, the selectors have 4 criteria in mind when they evaluate your application. The first, of course, is academic excellence and and and that's really the baseline. Then there are three other characteristics which were which the selectors look for. The first is a kind of community spirit, which is summarised here as truth, courage and devotion to duty as sympathy for and protection of the weak. So.

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Stan Hurn

In a sense, this can be reflected in your volunteering in in, in the Community.

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Stan Hurn

Then there's energy.

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Stan Hurn

Historically, energy has been interpreted as being good at sport, but we've moved on since then and energy now refers to using your talents to the full in any kind of area outside of your field of study. So dance, theatre, debate and any kind of musical artistic pursuit.

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Stan Hurn

And finally, there is a moral force of character and instinct to lead, and obviously that's that's a very difficult one for people to show, for applicants to show at quite a young age. But we interpret that in, in, in many different ways, and you don't really need to have formal leadership positions to be able to demonstrate this in your application.

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Stan Hurn

Something which I need to emphasise is that this year we've moved the application forward by a month, so applications will open on the 3rd of June 2024. We'll have a question and answer session during the application period and applications will close on the 12th of August.

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Stan Hurn

So this is a month earlier than in previous years, so please make a note of that.

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Stan Hurn

If you need any more information you can get hold of me. That's my e-mail or the roads administrator is Mandy McDonald, who's based at QUT. There is a lot of information on the roads Queensland website. Can I just bring to your attention that's not on the slide, but there will be a national webinar on the 15th, the 15th of May, which will be led by some recent Rd scholars and that's going to be.

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Stan Hurn

Basically, a national meeting to discuss the road scholarship. So if you keen on applying make a date in your diary. I don't have the link at the moment for the webinar but we will post it on the roads Queensland website as soon as we have it from the the National Organising Committee.

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Stan Hurn

OK, so that's enough for me. Really. I'm sure you're more interested in hearing from Katherine Woodward, who is the scholar in 2021 and has been.

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Stan Hurn

For a number of years now, and I, I noticed as graduated recently with one of her degrees. But I think she's now undertaking ad fill. So, Catherine, if you there, perhaps you could you could take control and looking forward to hearing from you.

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Kathryn Woodward

10 So yes, I am over here in Oxford, currently dialling in from a grey and chilly morning. We keep having these fake spring breaks and then it goes back to being cold again. Unfortunately, I'd like to echo the welcome to country that Professor Evans said at the beginning, as I, as I said, I'm in the UK, but I would like to ignore the you can bear people who are the traditional owners of the land that I grew up in Australia or the Gold Coast, so I am indeed a Griffiths graduate.

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Kathryn Woodward

And now also an Oxford graduate, so excitingly, I was able to get a road scholarship in my year after graduating from or the year that I graduated from medical school back home on the Gold Coast. And then came and pursued a masters here at Oxford. And I'm now doing ad fill, which is the fancy Oxford way of saying I'm doing a PhD. There's that's about all there is to that. So I think at the stage that you guys probably are, there's.

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Kathryn Woodward

Different things that would be running through your mind potentially, and I'm trying to kind of think back to when I was applying, you know, three or so years ago, years ago now.

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Kathryn Woodward

And I think the really important thing to understand about roads is that it's a little bit different than some of the other scholarships you're going to hear about. It is very targeted in the age category that they're looking for. So you know, that is why there is that really strict age criteria that stand to talk to. But what that also means is that there's a real emphasis within the roads community about kind of fostering the next generation of leaders. It's an amazing community to be part of over here in Oxford. There's so many opportunities for development and connection with one another.

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Kathryn Woodward

And you have all Rd scores in the world. Everyone comes to Oxford, which means you're all here together. You get to meet one another and share your Oxford experience with one another and develop some really incredible international connections and collaborations as well. So these are all the things that I think make roads pretty incredible. And when you're thinking about why you might, one scholarship might be better for you. Is there something to keep in mind? The selection criteria is also quite unique with the Road Scholars Scholarship. There is the academic criteria which you know most.

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Kathryn Woodward

Scholarships are going to have some form of, but I think for Rhodes the academic criteria really is to ensure that you can get into your course at Oxford.

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Kathryn Woodward

But it's all the other stuff that they really want to know. They want to understand who you are and what change it is that you want to be able to be a part of in the world. And so it really involves quite a significant amount of self reflection and that's what I found most valuable about the application

process was really thinking about who I was, what activities I'd been involved in and why they were so interesting. And I was so passionate about them at university.

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Kathryn Woodward

And what I then wanted to do with that, those skills as well as the skills that I was going to gather over here in Oxford moving forward. So I think it's really important to have a look at all of the selection criteria information. It's very clearly laid out on the roads, websites and have a think through all of the different categories in terms of the sports and artistic pursuits. I just want to reassure everyone that you don't need to be an international athlete.

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Kathryn Woodward

There are certainly incredible athletes over here. I'm not one of them. I understand my strengths and that wasn't going to be it. I've joined the Rowing Club since being in Oxford, which has been fabulous, but I'm not competing at Paris Olympics in a couple of months time. Don't worry. So I think just understanding what it is that you're really passionate about and those talents that you have that you're kind of leaning into. So for me, that was patient advocacy work that I've been involved in for a really long time back in Australia and that I've continued to be involved in, but that's going to be very unique and individual for each person.

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Kathryn Woodward

And don't get scared off by thinking that you have to be some elite sports person or be able to, you know, be a prodigy at the piano. That's just not the case. And it was something that made me quite nervous going into the roads process. And the other thing about the kind of practicalities of the application is that it is quite arduous in terms of just the amount that you need to prepare. So particularly with the shortened timeline this year, I mean, there's still plenty of time, but just being very aware of all of the different documents that you need to get together.

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Kathryn Woodward

You need to write a personal statement which is really about telling your story. The selectors want to understand who you are and how you see yourself kind of taking advantage of the opportunity that the roads provides and then how you're going to use that to give back to the community which might be your local community or the international community. So that's really a bit of a storytelling piece and then you have an academic statement which is kind of a lot more factual about what you want to be doing in Oxford.

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Kathryn Woodward

Had those courses specifically are well suited to you and I think as Grace said, no one's going to keep you know you're accountable to your life plan that you make when you're, you know, 23 or 24 years old and writing a roads application, things change with time. I certainly when I first came to Oxford, thought I was going to be doing 2 Masters courses. I did my first master's course and then ended up doing a PhD. So things do change for lots of reasons. And I think that's the beauty of the roads is that they're very flexible and they know that you're a young person and that as you.

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Kathryn Woodward

Kind of continue to explore your your skills and interests that things will shift.

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Kathryn Woodward

And then the last kind of practical thing is that roads requires 5 referees, which is a lot. So really start thinking about that early and start making connections with people and think about how your different referees can show different sides of yourself. 'cause everyone's got lots of different kind of angles to themselves and roads really want to understand who you are as an entire person. So if you only have two pieces of writing that you're submitting, if your referee can kind of compliment those in different ways, that's something that's really that's really useful as well.

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Kathryn Woodward

And I think that's all I had to say. So happy to go to questions now.

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Victoria Menzies

Thank you, Catherine. I think I want to stress also the importance of referees because having worked with young so many applicants, that's often an area of weakness, Stan, there's a question here for you from Rebecca and I know that this question has come up with a number of other people that I've spoken to as well. So can you define non traditional path? And Rebecca is someone who had a couple of years out after school before they came back into university.

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Stan Hurn

Yeah, sure. So the the kind of the basis for this extra clause was the medical degree, because medics traditionally go to have a six year degree and that pushed them over the over the over the age limit. But we also came to realise that some people do for one reason or another, take some time off or have some kind of problems getting to university. So yes, sure, Rebecca, if you took some years off.

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Stan Hurn

That's fine.

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Stan Hurn

Obviously the selectors are going to want to interrogate what it was that you were doing there in the years that that you had off. So you need to, you need to be able to articulate, articulate that quite well. But the defining thing is you still have to be under 27 on the 1st of October and you your first degree has to have been awarded on or after the 1st of July 2023. So that is the those are the two.

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Stan Hurn

Things that you really, absolutely have to meet if you want to take this extended age.

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Stan Hurn

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Victoria Menzies

And Nick, there's one more question there, Stan. It's quite an interesting one. I haven't seen this one before. Is there a limit to how much studies someone can do on the road scholarship?

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Stan Hurn

The scholarship is for two years. In the first instance.

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Stan Hurn

Although there is a possibility to extend to a third year in some circumstances, and I'm sure probably Catherine, you'd be able to speak about that if going on to the defil after after.

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Stan Hurn

A after a master's. So yes, three years is the absolute limit for funding for.

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Stan Hurn

Study at Oxford.

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Victoria Menzies

Well, thank you. Thank you, Stan, and thank you Catherine, for your wonderful insights. So with that, we might hand over now to Karen who's going to present on the John Monash Foundation Scholarship. Karen, if you could please turn your mic and camera on.

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Karen McConalogue

Thanks, Victoria, and thanks everyone for coming this evening. In front of you is a picture of our beautiful 2024 John Monash scholars on the lower left is Praniel Kumar who will be the Griffith graduate who will be presenting after me and that was the photo was taken last month at Government House for the presentation off the awards. So they are our latest and we're very proud of our latest bunch of John Monash scholars.

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Karen McConalogue

So just to acknowledge the John Monash Foundation sits on Warren, Jerry Country in the Coolin nation. I'm coming to you from from that land today and we acknowledge the the original custodians of that land.

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Karen McConalogue

All right, skipped one. So why are we the John Monash Foundation? Well, when their foundation was set up 20 years ago and we are quite a young foundation, only 20 years old.

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Karen McConalogue

The the thought here was that there was this great Australian John Monash and he left a lot of legacies behind and one of them was his absolute belief in the power of education and with that

privilege of education comes or should come great responsibility and that people with their education.

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Karen McConalogue

Should be the ones that perform the duties of citizenship, are giving back, and are the leaders for the nation to to to lead the country forward and it is on that philosophy that the John Monash scholarships were devised and it is through that philosophy and legacy that we assess John Monash scholars.

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Karen McConalogue

So a little bit about our scholarship. There's a lot of similarities between the scholarships tonight, but there are some differences.

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Karen McConalogue

We are uniquely Australian that's funded by Australians. For Australians it is opened in all fields of study. There is no age limit to applicants and we encourage our applicants to be selecting the world leading institutions in the field they wish to study and so they can go anywhere. It doesn't it's it doesn't matter which institution they go to, but it must be overseas.

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Karen McConalogue

Once scholars have finished their education, it doesn't end there. They become part of a professional network internationally because some of our scholars do stay overseas as well and they receive ongoing support for their career through what's called the John Monash Foundation Leadership Academy. And it's actually the leadership Academy part that I lead for, the foundation. Our scholarships manager is on leave and I'm filling in for her tonight.

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Karen McConalogue

As of this year, we have 264 scholars. So as I said, we have only been around for 20 years, so.

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Karen McConalogue

We're still quite young and don't have as many alumni and graduates as some of the other scholarship programmes.

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Karen McConalogue

So what are our eligibility criteria and could you be one of the next John Monash scholars? Well, you need to be an Australian citizen. You need to have completed or be about to complete a degree from an Australian university. You need to be planning to undertake your postgraduate study overseas in the following year. So applicants in 2024, we're expecting that you will commence your studies sometime during 2025.

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Karen McConalogue

On your application you need to be able to argue the merits.

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Karen McConalogue

The degree that you have chosen and the institution why that degree, why that institution? Why is it right for you that needs to be clear in your application and you need to be able to demonstrate your leadership capabilities. I'll just dig into that a little bit deeper. So when the selection panels are making their determination, they look for three key things. Excellent. That's the academic excellence that does need to be evidence of the the candidate's ability to withstand the rigour of postgraduate education.

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Karen McConalogue

But they will also look at prizes, awards, publications if it's sort of from a less traditional background. It might be performance or exhibitions for example. So there's a range of factors that come in there. They will look for your demonstrated leadership and potential leadership in the field of study or your profession and what we call citizenship. And that's being a good citizen. That is the idea that the individuals will be contributing to Australian society in some way that might not be directly through their career, that might be in community, in Community work that they do. So it can be in a variety of variety of areas.

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Karen McConalogue

Excellence, Leadership and citizenship are what we look for.

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Karen McConalogue

The scholarship itself is worth \$80,000 a year, and that is for up to three years. So if someone wants to do a one year master's, it's \$80,000. If you're doing a three H PH3 year PhD, it's \$240,000. That's the way it is scaled for our our scholarship, that funding can be used flexibly. It could be used towards tuition, living expenses, maybe health insurance or other costs that you may have and that could include if your family. If you have dependents and they are going with you to study.

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Karen McConalogue

We'll also give support with flights and all of our scholars automatically get membership of the Leadership Academy.

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Karen McConalogue

The Academy itself has been around for a few years now. We're in the process of really bolstering that from this year. Going forward to add additional support to our alumni. It's where we really don't see that the scholarship is the end of our association with our alumni. We will provide support through their career when we'll be there for them whenever they need us. We will be running a series of development opportunities and activities going forward.

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Karen McConalogue

Eminent Board Advisory Board that overseas the Academy and Julia Gillard is our patron.

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Karen McConalogue

Yeah.

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Karen McConalogue

We do have some very specific additional benefits for some universities. I won't go into these in detail, but they they are available on our website, but just to we do have some specific arrangements for the universities listed on screen there.

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Karen McConalogue

So the application process it, we start with about 300 applications. There's online review that will go down to about 100 hundred and 10 applications. We then start the process of interviews at state level and then up to national level and then through to the final selection, which is approved by our board. So it's a multi level process that that the candidates go through.

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Karen McConalogue

The application itself, there's general information, your academic summary, a list of professional experience, you you where you can then demonstrate and argue your leadership and your leadership potential, your engagement and impact personal statements. And you need 3 referees.

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Karen McConalogue

The applications were open on the 1st of May and close on the 1st of July and we will have two online seminars covering specific parts of the process.

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Karen McConalogue

In coming weeks, I think on the 9th of May and the 4th of June, and people can register via our website.

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Karen McConalogue

And I'd now like to hand over to Praniel Kumar.

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Praneel Kumar

Thank you, Karen.

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Praneel Kumar

So I'm one of the 2024 John Monash scholars.

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Praneel Kumar

And just in terms of some background, I graduated from Griffith University's medical school. Currently, I'm doing my specialist training in obstetrics and I'm doing some volunteer work here in Port Moresby and as a recipient of the John Monash Scholarship, my plan is to study a master's in public health at Johns Hopkins University.

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Praneel Kumar

And the reason I I bring that up is because as both grace and Catherine have alluded to with respect to their scholarships, when you're doing this application, you really need to reflect on the journey

that you've had so far in terms of your study and career and then where you want to go forward and the unique things about the John Monash Scholarship that Karen has mentioned is that this is a uniquely Australian scholarship. And so one of the themes that consistently comes up in terms of the written application as well as the interview is.

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Praneel Kumar

What sort of impact?

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Praneel Kumar

Your study overseas will make for Australia and you need to clearly articulate that both in terms of short, medium and long term. And so as the previous recipients have mentioned, it really requires a lot of time in terms of personal reflection as well as actually talking with other people about your plans as well. So that you can distil and refine and articulate that well in terms of a written application. But then of course you also have to think about how you're going to verbally articulate that in in the interviews as well.

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Praneel Kumar

The other thing that's unique about this scholarship is that it's based on on John Monash's legacy. So for those people that are applying for this scholarship, I'd recommend doing a little bit of reading about John Monash, the types of fields that he's worked in, the leadership that he's shown, because some of the application questions are specifically relate to how you demonstrate leadership and use John Monash as an example and ask you to reflect on his leadership qualities as well.

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Praneel Kumar

In terms of the interviews, so after the application process, if you're, if you're lucky to be offered an interview. What I'd say to you is that all the panellists.

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Praneel Kumar

Are really welcoming and.

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Praneel Kumar

People who are generally interested in you and what you want to do overseas. So while the panel members themselves might seem intimidating because they are leaders from the business, medical, legal arts field, they're all really interested to see.

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Praneel Kumar

And why you've applied and how the scholarship can benefit you and Australia. So as Catherine has mentioned in Grace as well, while you need to do obviously some preparation for this interview, people really just want to get to know you. And so articulating what impact you're going to have with this scholarship as well as your leadership.

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Praneel Kumar

And examples and and how you're gonna contribute in the future is really quite important. And then

the photo that you can see here is 1 taken at Government House of me receiving the scholarship and that's really one of the special moments.

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Praneel Kumar

About the scholarship is that it's presented at Government House and it really sort of once again articulates the importance of leadership, which is part of the application, something else that I wanted to emphasise as well that might help applicants is.

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Praneel Kumar

And the really strong alumni community and that the John Monash Scholarship has, so the benefits of the scholarship don't end after you complete your studies. You're really part of a really inspiring group of people. And so there are a number of events that are held in Australia and overseas when you when you're a scholar that you can participate in, there's the global symposium which I've attended. There's a oration that happens every year. And so the leadership Academy really helps to also support.

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Praneel Kumar

Your development and so that's one of the.

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Praneel Kumar

Important and unique things as well. I think about this scholarship and something that I'd ask you to comment on if you're applying that I think will help as well. Thanks everyone. I'll return back to Karen.

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Karen McConalogue

Happy to take a couple of questions if we have time.

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Victoria Menzies

And we don't have any questions actually in the chat there at present Karen, but I think a couple of points that I I've had an opportunity to really observe the John Monash community itself, I call it community and something that's really special about this particular community is Brunel highlighted is really its commitment to you and to you as future leaders. And that is one of the things that's valuable to talk about that leadership development that offered is truly outstanding. It's a very warm.

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Victoria Menzies

And caring kind of community. So with any of these, Catherine didn't mention about the roads community in great detail, but that's similarly the same. Similarly, Fulbright you become part of something different that is there forever more so pruniel thank you for focusing really really on that because it's a special thing people tend to focus on the actual courses that you're doing in the study and that is certainly without question the most important step but then into the future it's also.

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Victoria Menzies
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Victoria Menzies
What you do? So you're part of the brightest bright. They're future leaders that are energetic, passionate and really committed to having a difference in the in the world. So that reflective practise that Prenell talked about as well, thinking about what contribution do you want to make? Why does the work you want to be involved in matter?

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Victoria Menzies
So I think with that we will hand over now to Reese Cooper, who is going to talk about the new Columbo plan. So as I highlighted earlier.

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Victoria Menzies
New Columbo plan is the only programme that is for undergraduates to be able to go overseas and study in the Indo Pacific. So Reese has this camera on if you could turn your mic on, that would be wonderful. Thank you, Reece.

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Rhys Cooper
Thank you so much, Victoria, and thank you for the invitation here this evening. Hope you're all well.

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Rhys Cooper
So I'm here to to speak about the new Columbo plan this evening. I'm joined by Jordan McGrath, a current undergraduate student here at Griffith University studying advanced science, and who has just returned from his new Colombo Plant Scholarship over to Singapore and Japan. So we'll hear a little bit about his experience. I'm going to run through more of the nitty gritty stuff 1st and then you can, yeah, hear about his his experience abroad with the new Colombo Plant Scholarship.

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Rhys Cooper
So what is the new Columbo plan? Scholarship.

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Rhys Cooper
It's essentially the undergraduate scholarship available to Australian students. It is the most prestigious scholarship available and also I'd hazard to to argue the most generous available to undergraduate students currently available is run by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and so it offers those who are successful in receiving the scholarship the opportunity to make really important contacts, especially if students are hoping to get into.

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Rhys Cooper
Diplomacy, the legal field, anything international law, anything in that space.

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Rhys Cooper

As we've heard a few times already, it also provides that opportunity to be a new Columbo plan scholar. It's a small group of people, and it is they have a really good alumni cohort as well, and it's permanent. You get that title forever.

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Rhys Cooper

It involves study and internships in the Asia Pacific. It's required full requires full time undergraduate or honours study overseas at somewhere within the age of Indo Pacific. I should say as well as a portion of full time internship at a company or governmental institution abroad.

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Rhys Cooper

Scholars can select one or two locations to to study and undertake internships as well.

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Rhys Cooper

It runs from used to be 6 to 18 months. They've up that to to 19 months now, so if you wanted to do the full allotment it would be 19 months abroad and it's also worth what was \$85,000 just released? That is now up to \$87,000. So as I mentioned, there's a very, very generous scholarship and that's for students who take on that the full load of the the 19 months.

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Rhys Cooper

So what do you do if you are interested in a scholarship and I'll get a little bit more into why it has been created and the places that you can go where if you apply to to undertake any combo plans, scholarship, scholarship. But first I think it's important to quickly just briefly go over the requirements. First and foremost, we really ask any student who is eligible and able to to apply for any combo plan scholarship to save your free choice electives. It's very, very difficult to get courses approved in some cases to to study abroad. We're currently going through that process without with last year's.

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Rhys Cooper

Umm, successful applicants and it it can be very very tricky to to get those approved so having free choice electives or even just electives within your school is really useful. So if you are thinking about applying this year or next year, try and hold on to those electives and and not use them.

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Rhys Cooper

All up just yet, because it does make the application process much, much easier. I'll go through some of the eligibility requirements outlined by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade themselves, though to be to be able to apply for a new Columbia plan scholarship, you must be nominated.

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Rhys Cooper

By Griffith University and I'll get into that in a little bit more detail in a moment. You must be an Australian citizen, not have be a citizen or a permanent resident of the host nation that you are proposing to undertake your programme.

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Rhys Cooper

You must while for the whole duration of your time overseas, be an undergraduate or honour student. There are some exceptions to that, but it is a case by case basis. You have to apply for special consideration and only for the end part of that that point and you must be between the ages of 18 and 30.

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Rhys Cooper

Unless you are an indigenous student, in which case that's 18 to 35 years of age, you also need to have achieved, at least at least a 70 percent, 70% of the the available grade point average, which is 4.9 at Griffith University. But we strongly recommend your GPA be a bit stronger than that if you're you're seeking to apply.

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Rhys Cooper

You must not have been a previous recipient of the new Columbo Plan Scholarship, but it hasn't happened in the past as far as I'm aware, but it's good to know that and not be an employee of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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Rhys Cooper

Or the contractor that administers the new combo player and which is currently Palladium. So just a couple of outlines of of what's required to to be able to actually to be eligible to apply for the new Colombo plan.

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Rhys Cooper

If you are interested and I will go through some of the the key points of of why it's such a wonderful scholarship to be involved in, do have a look at the chat I've just posted a teams link in there and you can join that Microsoft team.

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Rhys Cooper

That team is provides way more information than I could possibly provide you with this evening.

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Rhys Cooper

Has a lot of tips around how to create an application as well as recordings and actually some some examples of how successful scholars have written out their applications in the past. Just just snippets as well as recordings of sessions that we've done in the past around helping scholars to to apply for for this particular opportunity. So a really, really thorough resource as well as a community of other other students who are seeking to apply. And it's a really vibrant.

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Rhys Cooper

A nice community. So do join that team if you are interested. It is the only Ave to applying through Griffith University, So what do we provide? Well, I work with the Student Academy of Excellence as I mentioned a little bit earlier and one of my roles is to support new Columbo plan.

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Rhys Cooper

Scholarship applicants with being successful well during their application. So Griffith University is

allowed to nominate 15 students from our undergraduate anonymous cohort and the Student Academy of Excellence along with partners internal and external.

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Rhys Cooper

Assess expressions of interest that will be. There's a deadline on those EOYS on the 20th of May. They're due then and we have a look at those EOYS and we select 15 candidates that we believe are the strongest and put them forward to officially apply for a new Colombo plan. So once we have those 15 students and even before that, for those who are even thinking about lodging an expression of interest, we provide a lot of care and a lot of information and a lot of support. I've already had about, I'd say, nearly 20.

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Rhys Cooper

Meeting so far in the last couple of months with students interested in the new Colombo Plan Scholarship, you're more than welcome to book one of those into all the details are on on that team's space about developing their project plan and and thinking about what they want to do and why they want to do it while they're over there and talk a little bit more about that in a moment. But the student Academy of Excellence in Griffith University provides you with support with your at your EOI, and if you make it through to become a nominee, your your application as well.

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Rhys Cooper

We provide support with interviews for those students who apply and make it to the interview stage, which we've had some great success with in the past. We do that by providing a panel interview with some senior academics and and professional staff at the university just to try and make it really scary for for students and be able to provide some really high level advice and feedback on how they went, but also try and create a fairly genuine authentic experience of of that interview panel and hopefully that that we we hope that prepares and the results have shown that that does prepare.

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Rhys Cooper

Our nominees to to go and be successful in their interviews.

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Rhys Cooper

We also provide connections to mentors so students and alumni who have successfully.

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Rhys Cooper

Received a new Columbia plan scholarship and have gone out and experienced the wonderful experience of of undertaking the programme.

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Rhys Cooper

As well as other applicants, particularly nominees in that space, when it becomes non competitive, it can be a really, really wonderful.

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Rhys Cooper

Cohort of students, and I'm sure Jordan can speak to that. His closeness with his fellow new Columbo clan scholars from Griffith University.

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Rhys Cooper

So let's go a little bit further into what the new Columbo Plan Scholarship is. So I'll just read the text here. Just this is from default, 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. As part of the programme too, students are expected to undertake some language training as well, and the whole idea of the programme is to facilitate people to people connections as much as possible. The Australian Government wants its scholars to get out there.

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Rhys Cooper

And to meet other students at the universities, make connections with other employees and employers in whatever internships they go for and within their language schools. The idea is making connections with citizens, industry, business and governmental institutions, as well as universities. And hopefully if, if it all works, keeping those connections ongoing, it's sort of an probably the most basic way of creating soft power within the region and ensuring.

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Rhys Cooper

Regional stability, security and wealth within this space. So the idea is to help in the in the long run, trade and security in the in the Indo Pacific. It's in, as I say it's a government pillar of ensuring regional security and future prosperity through person to person connections. So it's not just about having a wonderful experience abroad or that is included and Jordan can run us through some of his in just a moment. But it's also about supporting Australian industry and Australian security.

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Rhys Cooper

Regional security while you were over there.

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Rhys Cooper

So it is available to Australian undergraduates. As I mentioned, it involves study language, training, internships and mentorships. You can choose internships and or mentorships, and there's 40 host locations across the Indo Pacific region. As we've got good eyes, you can read through some of those, but I strongly recommend you check out if you're interested. The new Columbo Plan Scholarship website, which has all those nations listed there. It's most nations within the Indo Pacific. We have a number of students in the Cook Islands in Japan, South Korea.

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Rhys Cooper

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Rhys Cooper

Thailand and all across the Pacific as well, all throughout the region at the moment. I think there's about 23 students currently undertaking Griffith students currently undertaking their new Columbo Plan scholarships abroad, and I saw Josh in here earlier. I think having a wonderful time.

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Rhys Cooper

So.

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Rhys Cooper

We, as Victoria mentioned there we also in the EOY we ask that you provide academic referees, but they're not, it's just to get you started thinking about that. So what can you do right now if you want to apply to to become a nominee for the new Columbo Plan Scholarship.

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Rhys Cooper

Start thinking about your project plan. What is it that you want to do? Where is it that you want to go and why would you like to go there? It's really key to provide reasons as to why you'd like to study in the specific areas that you've nominated. It has to be DFAT have to see this as being more than just providing you with a holiday. It's about helping you to grow your own skills so you can go out and achieve your ambitions and goals, but also so you can do it in a way that helps you to create people to people connections and keep those connections ongoing after your return home to Australia.

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Rhys Cooper

So think about those areas. What university could you choose if you've selected a country that you think fits in with with what you want to achieve both now and into the future, what university could fit into that? It's really worth very early on in the piece. I'm making an appointment with Griffith, Go Global, the Go Global team here. If you just type that into your search engine of choice, Griffith, go global, it'll come up with a page where you can register to to have an appointment, and they'll be able to help you out with the the universities in the areas that you're considering. And what would be good options and run you through.

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Rhys Cooper

Those lists of options, it's a really good early place to begin.

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Rhys Cooper

And as well as that thinking about your academic references for for your later application as that is a key element and sometimes requires you to develop a relationship with potentially a stranger. So they do later on become your academic reference. So a couple of things to think about there. Happy to take questions in a moment. But first I'd like to hand it over to Jordan, who's going to run us through his experience of of his new plan scholarship, Jordan.

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Jordan McGrath

OK. Hey everyone.

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Jordan McGrath

I also just want to touch start off by acknowledging the country that we're.

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Jordan McGrath

In the the country of the indigenous landholders, where we all gather today in our own irrespective places.

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Jordan McGrath

Yeah, I just kinda wanna quickly echo what Rhys was saying. And do you have such an incredible support network at Griffith with the Honours Col? Not the Honours college, the student of Academy of Excellence, formerly the Honours College.

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Jordan McGrath

And also just wanna touch on what Grace was saying before just about.

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Jordan McGrath

Kind of the what you should be thinking about in your application. They're kind of mirrored in a lot. A lot of these scholarships, particularly what she said, echoed with me. For the NCP scholarship and that you need to know what your expected outcomes are. And as Victoria will tell you, what your why is so, why are you applying for this, which is really important.

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Jordan McGrath

And just on also the Griffith support, I think Grace was my host location mentor. So there's a lot of interconnectivity there between Griffith.

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Jordan McGrath

NCP scholars, but also the wider network of the NCP community now. Today I'm going to be getting going. Starting off with my who I am and what I'm about. Then I'll head over to what my programme entailed since Reece thankfully did all the nitty gritty for me. I'll just get get to focus a bit more on the fun stuff and then finally I'll just kind of touch on why it was really good, why it's a good experience for me and why it would be for you. So just starting off with who I am. I'm a First Nations.

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Jordan McGrath

Student here at Griffith University and my mobs out from north of WA.

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Jordan McGrath

Areas I am an advanced science student and I do applied mathematics and wildlife biology and that kind of lends itself towards more ecological modelling as far as my future directions go, and you'll see that kind of thing come up a little bit and.

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Jordan McGrath

I work outside of university. I work at environmental consultancy, mostly at a project management kind of capacity and a bit of the fun stuff. I've added some stuff I enjoy in there as well.

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Jordan McGrath

And moving on, so I started off in Singapore for six months, doing four months of exchange at the

National University of Singapore, and I was mostly a mathematical courses, which pretty pretty interesting in itself because I teach quite differently over there to how they taught here at Griffith.

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Jordan McGrath

And then while I was there, I also interned at simultaneously at the Centre for Nature based Climate Solutions at a part time capacity to start off with. Then after the exchange finished, I've shifted to a full time capacity at CMS.

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Jordan McGrath

And doing that, I was mostly involved with carbon estimation field work with PhD students, post docs at the lab and I got to go out in the field to areas you don't usually see in Singapore. I like the intertidal zones, seagrass meadows, mangrove forests, all like all those kind of things. I've struck some photos up there for you as well. And while I was there, I was also be lucky to be involved with the theoretical Ecology lab, which kind of let me explore my interests of that mathematics and ecology a little bit more. And, you know, it gave me. It wasn't surprising, but it gave me kind of more of a hands on idea of what this kind of work could mean.

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Jordan McGrath

Next I went over to Vietnam for four months and I was doing. I was at the, say, Vietnam's wildlife doing wildlife rescue work. And there I was doing a whole range of activities, basically from cleaning poop all the way up to monitoring animal behaviour for to to assess how they react to our interact activities. Part of their. Another one I did was a part of a research project. As far as pregnant pangolins go.

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Jordan McGrath

And there were many other aspects involved in that as well. And you can see the photos there. I was kind of doing a lot of different things and for a bit of fun there as well in the red in that kind of centre bottom photo, where I'm dressed in the red, that was me being a best kind of a best man kind of situation in a Vietnamese wedding. So you really get that authentic cultural experience as well, which is another really key aspect I feel.

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Jordan McGrath

I was also reached out to by the Australian Embassy in Vietnam to attend the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relationships between Australia and Vietnam, which is really cool because I got to see a lot of the Australian Awards and students kind of go to Australia, soak up our knowledge and then take it back to Vietnam and make positive impacts.

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Jordan McGrath

For the life of Vietnamese people, and then my final location was Japan for three months where I did my language component broadly, I chose Japanese Japanese because it does have some significance for my discipline, but mostly because I just wanted to increase my capacity in general.

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Jordan McGrath

And that kind of involved a lot of cultural activities with locals, but also I met like a host of

international people, which were just really fun time. So, you know, you can have fun, but you just don't tell them that you apply with a serious intent.

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Jordan McGrath

And then to finish off, I would did a short internship at a Bay Research Centre in Japan and that was just some photos there of me doing some telemetry and some camera trap work and kind of **** hunting all the fun things and yeah, and then I came home about a month ago now. So I'm kind of getting back into the swing of things.

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Jordan McGrath

And the connections I made along the way are kind of one of the big things about NCP right research on it. And I I'm just gonna echo it 10 times over you need.

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Jordan McGrath

They're they're really good. They're really going to take you. You're gonna take what your referees from your local area, which I assume you would use to apply for the scholarship and then you kind of expand that internationally. And I'm already using one of these, one of these researchers I met over here for another application I'm doing. So it's already been beneficial. And I've been back for a month, so.

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Jordan McGrath

I think that's really valuable as well, and they do kind of vary from professional 'cause. I was doing academic stuff in Singapore to local and also professional 'cause I used to. I was working with people day in, day out and then finally in Japan there was a lot more international.

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Jordan McGrath

Local connections, but that's also really important as well.

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Jordan McGrath

And just to finish off, how did help me and to extend that, how can I help you and I think the most important thing for me was it helped me to, you know, realise my passion and ideas. I got to have a chance to get out there and explore these things that I was thinking. I've always had always had this idea of.

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Jordan McGrath

It calls you my head and that's why I did my degree as it is. But I got to go out at an international capacity and actually explore with that play around with that meet experts in the field and create and really expand my professional network there. And that kinda leads into the next point of our valuable connections and.

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Jordan McGrath

Yeah. So just really, really important there. And then finally, it's just you get a kind of expanded

mindset you if you haven't been living overseas before you, there's, there's there's, there's a growth there that happens and you.

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Jordan McGrath

It does change your perspective in a lot of ways, so I think that's really important as well. And because you know being overseas for such a long time, I was there for 13 months.

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Jordan McGrath

It is quite, quite an emotionally tolling experience, which is something that you might find even in the application process, but it really makes you see who you are and what you're about, because like grace was saying, you need to know what your expected outcomes are. You need to know where you're headed, at least have some idea, and then you can kind of change that direction. But you need to know at that point in time where you want to go. And that's really valuable as well. So that's me.

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Jordan McGrath

That's me done. If you have any questions and we don't, I don't know if we have time now, but move. You can always reach out and e-mail me or message me on LinkedIn. It's all there for you as well.

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Jordan McGrath

Thank you.

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Victoria Menzies

Jordan, that was totally fantastic. You've covered so much about that scholarship and I'm sure many people are really keen to go and one you will see from the chat, there are a lot of questions that are being asked there and Reece is responding to the majority of them. NCP is a little bit more complex in that you do need to get credit back to your current undergraduate degree. So that does make it more complex. So if you have any questions, I do encourage you to reach out to Reese and organise a meeting and he will be able to explain it through.

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Victoria Menzies

But you also have a massive Griffith alumni community who are really keen to support you and to mentor you through the process. So I encourage you to reach out to any of our scholars who have been they are truly fabulous. So as you can see, Jordan is really keen to chat. People love NCP and it is transformational. Now with that, we're running a little bit behind now. So I'm going to ask for our next session.

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Victoria Menzies

For Peter Binks, if you could please join us, Peter, and turn on your. Oh, sorry.

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Victoria Menzies

The wrong one. I mean, we're going across now to the next session, which is on Ramsey. And so

Diana, would you mind please turning on your camera and your mic to talk about the Ramsey's scholarship? Apologies about that, Diana.

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Diana Glenn

Not at all. So hopefully the slides will come up.

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Diana Glenn

OK, terrific.

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Diana Glenn

Yes, please. Yes, I think.

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Brett Ryan

Did you want to take control or do you happy for me too? So you top left. Take that take control button.

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Diana Glenn

That's it.

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Diana Glenn

OK, so hello, everyone. It's a pleasure to be joining you from Gadigal country and I pay my respects to elders, past, present and emerging.

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Diana Glenn

I'm very pleased to have this opportunity to speak to you about the Ramsey Post graduate scholarships. Only four years old, but already making a positive difference in the lives of Dynamic Australian post graduates studying overseas. And as we've heard from the other presenters, winning a scholarship is always a transformational experience.

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Diana Glenn

So my professional background.

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Diana Glenn

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Diana Glenn

Is that happening?

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Diana Glenn

There we are. My professional background is predominantly in the university sector and I'm currently the academic director at the Ramsey Centre, the Ramsay Postgraduate Scholarships, the Port

Outstanding Young Australians who are pursuing graduate study at the world's best universities overseas, offered for the first time in 2021.

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Diana Glenn

Where really are among the most generous currently on offer in Australia, and I'll be telling you how there are two categories of our Ramsey scholarships.

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Diana Glenn

Firstly, to talk about our benefactor.

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Diana Glenn

The late Mr Paul Ramsay AO, who was an entrepreneur and highly successful Australian businessman and philanthropist who left the largest private bequest in Australian history so his business interests were concentrated mainly in international private healthcare. You would have heard perhaps of Ramsey Healthcare, but Paul Ramsay was particularly keen to advance and promote educational opportunities that would benefit other Australians.

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Diana Glenn

So through his generosity, the Ramsey Centre has developed a postgraduate scholarships programme to enable graduates from all disciplines to undertake study overseas and develop into future leaders.

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Diana Glenn

There are two types of scholarship available. The World Universities Ramsay Postgraduate scholarship and the St. John's Annapolis Scholarship in the USA. The Saint John Scholarship is for students undertaking A2 year, Master of Liberal Arts degree.

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Diana Glenn

So includes an internship.

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Diana Glenn

Approximately 25 scholarships may be awarded each year, with most being awarded in the World Universities category and to date we have 81 Ramsay postgraduate scholarships having been awarded. We stay in touch with the cohorts and are in the process of developing an alumni association. We've also designated regional leads that is volunteer post graduates who will meet.

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Diana Glenn

With the incoming scholars help them with their orientation and induction, social networking events, etc. And we have a postgraduate scholar, lecture theories on zoom that enables the scholars wherever they are in the world to talk about their research projects with one another. So firstly, let's take a look at the World Universities Scholarship. This one will support 1/2 and in select cases three years of graduate course work and or research but not post docs.

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Diana Glenn

At Masters or doctoral level, and are valued at \$90,000 per annum. It's important to note that applicants need to have secured a place in a graduate programme overseas before finalising their application. The recipients in this category are supported financially when they're accepted into programmes of study that could be at Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Stanford, MIT, Sionz, Paul, Bologna and others. Please note that from 2025, scholarships will be granted only to students.

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Diana Glenn

Who are commencing students and it is commencing in full time in person, not online, only postgraduate study outside of Australia.

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Diana Glenn

And it's also important to note there is no age limit and you will require 3 referees for your application.

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Diana Glenn

Our current cohort scattered all over the Northern hemisphere presently includes doctors, lawyers, engineers, architects, musicians, historians.

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Diana Glenn

Neuroscientists, philosophers, teachers, business analysts and many, many more.

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Diana Glenn

The second category is for study at St. John's College, Annapolis, in the state of Maryland in the US, Annapolis was founded in 1649 and was originally the capital of the United States. This scholarship supports study in the US for two years at St. John's College at the Annapolis campus because they also have another campus at Santa Fe in New Mexico.

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Diana Glenn

New Mexico, where students undertake a master of liberal arts and that also includes an internship in an area of interest in Washington, DC.

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Diana Glenn

St. John's College will assign a mentor to assist Australian scholars to secure internships, and that studying that Master of Arts and the liberal arts is a very, very reward, rewarding experience. It's a very vibrant intellectual community at Saint John's.

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Diana Glenn

And its graduate Institute delivers a highly respected liberal arts programme centred on the study of the Great Books of the Western Canon, the class of the held in the evening. They are very small and students are encouraged to become independent thinkers. So through that interdisciplinary curriculum, students immerse themselves in foundational works that provide insight into timeless

questions about the human condition. The St. John's College Master of Liberal Arts Scholarship is valued at 75,000.

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Diana Glenn

Annun for two years, the scholarship payment is a contribution towards tuition, living and travel costs associated with postgraduate study. Here are some images of the college. It's a lovely historic campus situated close to the US Naval Academy. It's in fact the third oldest College in the states. Our Ramsay scholars live in accommodation that is located in a charming St about a two-minute walk to the campus I visited.

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Diana Glenn

Last year, to catch up with the scholars.

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Diana Glenn

And observe the teaching and learning environment, and I can honestly say it was a wonderfully edifying and delightful experience.

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Diana Glenn

So to talk in general about the selection criteria, all applicants for both scholarship categories must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, and we'll need to have secured a place in the graduate programme abroad prior to finalising their application for the Ramsay Scholarship. The scholars will be selected on the basis of their strength of character, leadership qualities, commitment to serve others, outstanding academic achievement, breadth and depth of intellectualism, vision and commitment.

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Diana Glenn

To advancing a richer and deeper understanding of Western civilization, the 2024 applications have now closed. But in order to apply for 2025, we would suggest that applicants begin to commence and finalise the applications to the preferred graduate programmes overseas, perhaps from October through to January of next year. Our applications will open on the 1st of February 2025 and close at the end of March.

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Diana Glenn

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Diana Glenn

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview in May. Successful applicants will attend a two day intensive orientation programme to be held in Sydney in July of the year in which they commence their award. In a moment you'll hear from our wonderful Ramsay Post, graduate scholar Michael Connors who's undertaking his final year at Saint John's, and Michael will provide a first hand account of that St. John's experience and the many opportunities available to you as a Saint John John's and a Ramsay scholar.

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Diana Glenn

So do follow us on social media. I'll be happy to answer some questions and if you wish to learn more, please visit our website and send us an e-mail. So I wish you all the best with your studies and with your applications. So Michael over to you.

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Connors, Michael

Well, thanks. Thanks very much Deanna for that great presentation and.

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Connors, Michael

Hopefully I can do this wonderful scholarship justice, so I am a graduate from Griffith. I did my undergraduate at the Conservatorium of Music and I did a postgraduate Diploma of Education at the Nathan Campus there with Griffith as well. So I was actually a music teacher for quite a while before I.

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Connors, Michael

Undertook the application for the Randy Scholarship, but when I found this university, this St. John's University and the Ramsey Centre providing this scholarship, I had to try and participate in this and hopefully what I present to you now will show you the fantastic opportunities that are available to this in this particular scholarship. And one thing I hope that sticks out is that you see the way the scholars in the whole network really come together.

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Connors, Michael

To participate in outside activities and that's one thing we do here at St. John's and with.

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Connors, Michael

North American scholars, we come together and do a number of activities, so I'm really going to try and give you the the full experience here.

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Connors, Michael

So I think there are three aspects to a St. John's education that really stand out. There are no lectures at St. John's, classes are only conducted as small groups, and the curriculum is centred solely on the Great Books Canon of Western Civilization. Using no secondary sources.

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Connors, Michael

So this method of education struck me as highly beneficial. When I first found out about it once, I heard about this, I wanted to learn everything I could about the great books, the liberal arts education to help establish these in Australia. That's ultimately my goal is to learn as much as I can about liberal education and to bring the great books and the liberal arts education back to Australia and promoted as much as I can.

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Connors, Michael

So what have I learned from a St. John's education? What do the great books actually teach us?

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Connors, Michael

Ultimately, I think they teach us to be more human by exploring themes which connect with us all. For example, the thrilling stories in Homer's Iliad and the Odyssey and the tragic plays of Esphocles and Aeschylus, present themes of courage and honour and duty and love and heroism and hospitality.

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Connors, Michael

As central to the ancient Greek ethic, which encourages us to investigate and interrogate our own personal and societal values.

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Connors, Michael

Aristotle's ethics and Plato's Republic helped me to find my understanding of virtue and justice and the good.

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Connors, Michael

I've explored those ideas which underpin the integrity of the state, such as law, liberty, property and equality through the writings of Hobs, Locke and Rousseau, through Aristotle's politics, and de Tocqueville's Democracy in America, I gained a clearer understanding of political structures, their benefits, and how they can evolve. My classes explore different ways of understanding the world through Darwin's theory of evolution.

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Connors, Michael

They can't's exploration of the self and Saint Augustine's spiritual journey through his confessions.

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Connors, Michael

Engaging with these types of perennial themes in the great books has given me a richer understanding of the world and a deeper sense of connectedness with mankind.

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Connors, Michael

But a St. John's Ramsey Scholarship is also intended to facilitate internships, professional development, and academically and socially enriching opportunities.

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Connors, Michael

In collaboration with the United States Naval Academy, which is right next door to St. John's, Ramsey scholars can participate in what are called Socratic Society dinners as well as a four day Leadership conference every year.

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Connors, Michael

I've been invited to visit with the Abigail Adams Institute at Harvard and the Witherspoon Institute and James Madison programme at Princeton to learn more about their liberal arts programmes.

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Connors, Michael

One of the most prestigious fellowships I participated in was the Caledonia Fellowship, organised by Washington, DC think tank Common Sense Society.

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Connors, Michael

This international fellowship comprised 20 outstanding industry leaders, entrepreneurs and academics who were sent to study the principles of Western civilization at a castle in Scotland for six days.

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Connors, Michael

Studying at St. John's means that many of the organisations providing fellowships and internships are close by in Washington DC.

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Connors, Michael

I was also fortunate to gain some valuable experience assisting with a summer education programme called Forbidden Courses, hosted by the new University of Austin in Texas. For two weeks, I volunteered as a teaching assistant to two of the most notable academics in the US, learning alongside students in their classes while overseeing all logistical operations for the students and the teachers.

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Connors, Michael

Ramsey scholars have participated in participated in Washington DC activities, including a private lecture from Australia's ambassador at the Australian Embassy, seminars with think tank scholars and tours of all the main attractions.

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Connors, Michael

The Ramsey Centre recently funded the travel and accommodation for all the North American scholars to meet at the University of Austin in Texas for a day of activities with former Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

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Connors, Michael

Scholars networked with industry leaders and entrepreneurs.

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Connors, Michael

University donors, staff and leadership, while socialising with each other and strengthening friendships.

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Connors, Michael

I was also fortunate to spend more time with Mr Abbott in Phoenix, representing St. John's at the National Symposium for Classical Education, at which Mr Abbott was a keynote presenter.

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Connors, Michael

My Ramsey scholarship experience at St. John's has been truly life changing. It's my intention to gain even more experience in the US learning about and working in the area of great books, liberal

education and classical education so I can help create these types of programmes in Australia. I also look forward to collaborating with the Ramsey Centre in general and then through the expanding alumni network of scholars.

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Connors, Michael

So please reach out if you'd like to learn anymore about Saint John's particularly or about the Ramsey Post graduate scholar experience. I'm more than happy to field all the emails and all the questions, so with that, thank you very much and I'll I'll hand back over to Diana.

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Victoria Menzies

Thank you very.

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Diana Glenn

Thanks Michael. Thank you. And I'm basically going to say thanks and hand over to Victoria.

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Victoria Menzies

Thank you very much for that, Diana. And for Michael. I hope it wasn't too bad getting up so early in the morning for you. We really appreciate you sharing your insights and I do want to stress you that Michael's focused on his experience at St. John's College and the particular Ramsay Scholarship. Ramsay is a little bit different from other scholarships that Western civilization concept can be, can be a little bit challenging for people to really understand what that's about. So if you are thinking about Ramsey and I strongly encourage you all of the scholarships are fantastic. I'm very biased about this.

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Victoria Menzies

But do reach out and have a talk about that Western civilization, because it takes a bit of time to get your head around. Really what that is focusing on now, we're running a little bit behind, but with thumb that I'm going to ask Peter Bex, who's turned his camera on.

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Victoria Menzies

Look, Peter is a wealth of knowledge. We were very fortunate to have Peter work with us at Griffith University, and he's an absolute champion.

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Victoria Menzies

The scholarships, so he was CEO of the John Monash Foundation for many years. He was a Rhodes scholar himself. He was also involved in helping to set up the Ramsey Scholarship itself and talk about what it needed to be to give that that separation. So Peter's an absolute wealth of knowledge. And with that, he's very generously agreed for me to interview him, to talk a little bit about, well, what makes a compelling application? And the scholarships do differ, but they do have many aspects that.

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Victoria Menzies

Really very much in line with each other and similar. So with that.

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Victoria Menzies
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Victoria Menzies
First question for you.

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Victoria Menzies
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Victoria Menzies
It's wonderful that you're here.

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Peter Binks
Victoria and thank you for having me here and.

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Peter Binks
I'm. I'm really glad to be here. I'm joining you from Raundrey land in Victoria. There'll be a bit of train station noise around me. I do apologise. I miss Queensland because it is definitely cold down here at the moment, but otherwise I'm glad to be part of the session.

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Victoria Menzies
Thank you. Well, we can still complain about the heat up here because we're about 28 degrees today, so we should complain. Should we 'cause we're not cold.

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Victoria Menzies
Now question. So from your experiences.

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Victoria Menzies
Which scholarship should a student or an applicant apply for?

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Peter Binks
The very first thing to do is to workout the ones you're eligible for that align with your interests. So you need to, you know, for example, with the roads you have to be within a certain age bucket. You have to be 25 or less, so that will cut out a number of people straight away. If you're not interested in studying in the US, then the Fulbright isn't for you. But generally, the scholarships, particularly the Ramsey and the Monash, will take you anywhere to do anything, and the roads in the Fulbright will give you, you know, some very clear benefits.

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Peter Binks
I guess the the main thing I'd say is.

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Peter Binks

Don't be overwhelmed by the thing about the money. First up and solve for the money. Think about what the foundation is trying to achieve, what the scholarship espouses, and put that to the front of your mind as you select the scholarship. So if you are particularly interested in the legacy of William Fulbright or the kind of things that Rhodes scholars become, or the kind of things that John Monash espoused, then align yourself with that scholarship and treat that as your priority going forward.

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Peter Binks

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Victoria Menzies

So second question then.

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Victoria Menzies

Actually, I'd like just to respond about that scholarship. Which one?

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Victoria Menzies

One of the things that Carolyn highlighted earlier, and I think Grace may have also mentioned, is that they applied for numerous ones, but scholarships do have different folkai, and so some of them will be particularly universities. But one of the things you do really need to think about is which one is right for you? Have a look at the alumni community. Have a look at what the vision, the focus, all of those kind of things, but different different scholarships do suit different people. So certainly.

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Victoria Menzies

We've got a number of academics that are with us today or if we've got an alumni who have graduated and they're looking at professional, then you're fool bride or your Churchill are other opportunities for you. So it depends on what point you're at in your career and which particular you know your what your goals are. So if you're not looking at doing further study then obviously something like 4 by and Churchill are going to be the scholarships that suit you. So you need to really understand.

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Victoria Menzies

What are the scholarships? What do they offer and why would you do it? So Peter, next question. And So what are your thoughts about really what makes a compelling application?

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Peter Binks

Thank you, Vic.

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Peter Binks

You need to know that every application will be read by three, four or five people who are seeing dozens, sometimes hundreds, of these applications to stand out, you need a good story and as kind of we've written in these notes here.

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Peter Binks

Your story has two parts. It is what you have done to bring you to this particular point. So who you are, what study you've done, what you've done outside your study, what kind of.

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Peter Binks

Aspects of excellence and achievement have made you who you are today, so that's your back story.

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Peter Binks

Most of the scholarships are also looking for your forward story. What would you like to do? What are the things that you are really set on achieving now? What are the laces you would like to study the?

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Peter Binks

Groups you'd like to join the path you'd like to follow, so your application is a means by which your back story and your forward story are brought out. And the better that you can tune that back story and that forward story to align with what the scholarship is after the more compelling your application.

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Peter Binks

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Peter Binks

The second thing I'd say is people often leave out the little stuff. The really interesting stuff, the stuff that you do for your own enjoyment or the stuff that you have done kind of spontaneously or accidentally through your career. And it could be activities you've done overseas at various stages or activities you've done with the community groups or particular topics that you've come across while you've been studying that you've really enjoyed.

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Peter Binks

It's always worth talking about those. Something's interesting to you. Will be interesting to an assessor. So put it in there. As a matter of fact, I would. I think both Victoria and I would.

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Peter Binks

Urge you to put stuff in there in your initial draught of an application. You can always take it out later on if you feel it doesn't sound right and doesn't add to your story, but in the first instance put it in there. Victoria, what do you see as as kind of driving an outstanding application?

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Victoria Menzies

Well, what I was going to actually say, Peter too is I think people often don't know what makes them interesting.

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Victoria Menzies

So one thing came to mind when you're talking is one of those things, two truths and a lie, you know? So if you're at a dinner party or you're somewhere and they say, right, the game is 2 truths and a lie, and you tell them two things about yourself that it really fascinating that's going to get interest. So one of the things I also say is if everybody else don't, don't think this is what the panel wants to hear. If the panel's got 300 applications, that all sound exactly the same. And you think this is what the panel's looking for. Get out of that space.

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Victoria Menzies

Find the stuff that makes you interesting and talk about yourself. So that's one of the things you know as you will have seen on call the coach group, it's prestige scholarships coach and I find that's what I tend to do with people is have those conversations go. That's fascinating. You're amazing. Why aren't you talking about that rather than this? So I call this really being it's your narrative. It's what makes you. And often it's understanding. Where did you come from? Who are you? The things that excite make you interesting. But it needs to be authentic.

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Victoria Menzies

And it needs to be from the heart. It needs to be your story, not.

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Victoria Menzies

Somebody else's story, that's what's going to get you over that line of getting a panel of books to go. Oh, this person's curious. So that would be my, my common experience of working with people.

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Peter Binks

I'll add a little story. There was a an application I saw a few years ago from a scientist and she was talking about, you know, all the usual kind of stuff there. It was a really good application in so many ways, but she had one line towards the end, which is she'd done a small project on how elephants communicate, didn't go any further about that, but she just mentioned that one thing all of us on the panel wanted to hear her talk about that. That was the thing that immediately came to mind, even though it was only a thing she did for four or five weeks.

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Peter Binks

It was compelling and made us interested in seeing her and hearing her story.

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Victoria Menzies

Yeah. And I think it's those kind of things that a panel remember they got. Oh, I remember. Remember that was the person who did such and such that was really interesting because often what it shows is that you're someone who's curious and and, you know, they are looking for people who are curious, people who are interesting people who are wanting to really stretch themselves and be more than just the study you're doing. So agpa of seven is fantastic. And and in some ways that's almost. They've given those very high academic.

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Victoria Menzies

Results are a given. What's not a given are the other things that make you really interesting and differentiate you. So think about what it is you know, what are the things, when when people hear

about you, they go oh, tell me more. So today I was met with somebody over coffee who was talking about Shell collection. Now I've known this person a long time and they've never talked to me about the fact that they collected shell and they could tell you everything about how a shell is created and about what control.

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Victoria Menzies

A little more less inside to create. That's interesting. That's interesting. It had my interest. So think about the panel. They are not.

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Victoria Menzies

Necessarily, experts in your area.

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Victoria Menzies

And I think that's a really important thing. There may be teachers, there may be ambassadors, they may be lawyers, they may be business people, so don't necessarily look for people who are going to be experts in your area. Look for people who are broad and see how they respond about your interest areas or what you're talking about. Anything else you want to add to that question, Peter?

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Victoria Menzies

OK. My next one for you is this is always a hard one. When I talk to people, they go leadership. Oh, I was school captain. I was this role. I all day volunteer at university to to be in charge of a club or something. The President of the club. But tell me, how do you write about leadership and does a role make you a leader?

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Peter Binks

You're absolutely right, Victoria. This is one of the harder questions. And the reality is that most students, when they're applying for a scholarship there won't have been a CEO. There won't have been a vice chancellor, won't have been a professor or anything like that. So they're they're scrabbling around saying, you know, what can I add? But every one of us has undertaken leadership activities at various stages. They're just not normally framed that way. So what I urge people to do is think about the activities where you had responsibility, where you had to help deliver a programme where you had to work on a team where you had to.

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Peter Binks

Do something to play a particular role, as Victoria was kind of hinting at there, it's not necessarily your title, but it's what you did. It doesn't matter whether you're vice president of something or other, it's actually what you achieve in that time. So what I urge people to do is to think broadly about what they have done within and without of their work, and then look for a story to tell about how they've achieved change somewhere where they've been working with the team or where they've had responsibility and what they have achieved.

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Peter Binks

What time period and and how it actually worked or didn't work as well as they wanted? So tell a story. That's the key thing that I would say and talk to people like myself and Victoria about

leadership and talk about what you've done and then we will help draw out of you what we think is a real leadership story.

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Victoria Menzies

Yeah. Yeah, thank you. And I think it is one thing Peter mentioned there. It is about people. So this is really, absolutely about your connection with people partnership. And I remember working with a new column scholar.

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Victoria Menzies

Who was not in a situation where they could actually afford time to volunteer to be in a club or society, but they were working full time to support themselves and they focused on the work that they were doing, just working for Coles, so they were only 20 years of age. They were managing with older teams and dealing with conflict and things in those teams. And it's about that so.

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Victoria Menzies

But one of the things I do encourage you to do is really think about who are the people that that you use as role models and why are they role models and help yourself to reflect about well, that how I emulated that, what qualities sometimes also thinking about what didn't work, what were the people that you did not really respect as a leader and what was it about them that you didn't respect and how did that influence you? So think about who you are as a leader do do research into what leadership actually is and what are the leadership models.

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Victoria Menzies

And then think about how you have applied that in your situation and what impact that actually has so.

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Victoria Menzies

Because it really bad actions and impact and the learnings that you've taken anything else, Peter, you're going to say with that?

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Peter Binks

I guess the only other thing is to say is that leadership styles vary and if you.

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Peter Binks

One way to do is to talk about your style, whether you're a team builder or whether you're a leader from the front. Whether you're an intellectual leader, whatever it might be, it's worth thinking about what your own style is and just writing down something about that that's already.

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Victoria Menzies

Great. OK. Personal statements writing personal statements, this is another really hard area.

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Victoria Menzies

And my experience has been with people, Peter, that they often just write it as ACD and list every

single thing in chronological order and and it leaves you feeling flat. So what are your insights about writing a personal statement?

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Peter Binks

Well, that key point is right. It's not ACV. They already have your CV and they know all your achievements. What the the assessor and the panellists are looking for is who you are as a person. You know where you came from, what drives you, what are your values, what are the kind of things that you aspire to do. So it's very little that's on your CV. It's a really hard thing to write. So I guess the first piece of piece of advice, I'm going to give people is just start writing it early. Just write something down.

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Peter Binks

An easy or straightforward way is to tell your life story, including you know where your parents came from, where you grew up, maybe what they do, and and just kind of write out in a series of dot points or in a couple of paragraphs how you came, you know, to the along the path that you are. And then from that try and extract what are the things that made you who you are. So I grew up on the northwest coast of Tasmania. So I'm a country boy.

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Peter Binks

I'm from a very small different part of Australia.

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Peter Binks

And that has shaped me, the community I grew up in, the things my parents did, the friends I had, the education I had are all things that shaped me to be the person I am today. So a very simple way is to start with your your kind of life's path. What do you then do is you revise it is you identify the big changes that occurred. You know, when you moved away, when you decided to drop something that you were doing and take up something new when you.

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Peter Binks

Realise that something a particular cause, be it the environment or community or international action, was really important to you. That's the kind of thing that needs to come out in your personal statement. Victoria, what are the things that you're seeing that make great personal statement?

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Victoria Menzies

Another interesting one too, because sometimes, particularly with I'll say with the new Columbia plan scholars, for example, that are talking about it might be sustainability, climate change and things too. They often can say was there one particular point that you remember? So one of the things I encourage people to do is to reflect back and think about was there a moment it might have been a teacher, it might have been a lecture, a web. So one of the people I was talking to recently has applied for a scholarship and they wanted.

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Victoria Menzies

To become an aeronautic engineer, and it was a podcast, so they had been listening to a podcast webinars that just took them on. This trajectory of thinking about things in a very, very different way.

So reflect back and think about what were those pivotal points. So I would say myself, I'm from a very big family. I'm one of six, and that has just made me. I'm a lover of people. I love community and volunteering and getting involved in things. And that's always been something.

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Victoria Menzies

That has been caught me and I am an educator so.

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Victoria Menzies

As soon as I started up with Art, I went into as soon as I went into a classroom, I went. I love this. I love young people. That's what I love. So that is really part of defining who I am. OK, so think about some of the things that define you. It's not somebody else's. And don't think again what the panel is. One of the other things I can say is it's useful often to hand write this one rather than typing because when you do a stream of consciousness writing, sometimes it's more genuine. And it's more interesting. And it you get into the flow of writing.

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Victoria Menzies

So this is almost a bit like a diary. So right at that talk to your family, talk to people who know you and talk about what do you know about me? What are the things that matter? What were pivotal things? And sometimes you come back and really understand who you are. So I think that's important. Peter, if you've got anything else you wanted to add to that too.

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Peter Binks

No, I think you've covered it well.

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Victoria Menzies

OK. Thank you. So the next question is really about support and the role that support plays in doing this. You can't do it alone is essentially what this question is saying and what the answer will be. But I'm going to hand it to Peter to tell us about Peter support, what role is support and what does that actually look like?

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Peter Binks

Well, the key point is you can't do it on your own. I'd. I've met very few roads, Monash, Ramsay scholars who did it completely on their own without anybody else even knowing about it, and nailed it with their application of their interview. More often you've had a team around you, so it's your partner, your parents, your close friends, your flatmate, whatever it might be. These are the people who you ought to be bouncing some of these ideas around.

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Victoria Menzies

OK.

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Peter Binks

There's specialist expertise available too, and I.

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Peter Binks

If I step away from the time I had a grip and think about time at the John Rice Foundation, I can say that Griffith University truly provided outstanding support to its students. It was amongst the very best in the nation, so the group of you who are listening here, you have a real privilege in that. Griffith provides more support than any other university. I know you should use that. That's what Praniel did. That's what Dinesh did. That's what Catherine Woodward did. All the people who have won these scholarships have gone.

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Peter Binks

Toria and Reese at various stages and said I'm thinking about this. How would I go about it? What can you do to support and the support that this university provides in mentorship in mock interview panels in thinking with you about where you want to go?

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Peter Binks

Which universities you could consider as alternatives, potentially linking you to possible supervisors? Getting a look at courses is extraordinary, so you'd be crazy not to use.

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Peter Binks

That Victoria over to you.

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Victoria Menzies

Yeah. And look, I think that that's one of the reasons why you, you know, we've got so many alumni tonight who are here sharing their insights. They are and they're stand. I noticed Grace is still with us and Grace has got her full bride and so doesn't need to have stayed on. But people love this community. They just love Griffith and the community. The thing about Griffith is that it is really very generous. We are a community. It's the thing that I love about working at Griffith is that we support each other.

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Victoria Menzies

You have access to a very large alumni cohort who will be there to support you if you reach out to them. So you can't do it alone. I call it a squad and at the centre of this squad is really this big thing. I want to get a scholarship and that's you. Who are the people that can support you in that process. So Griffith support is 1 aspect of that. Peter talked about family, friends. You know sometimes they can say your dog because I'm a passionate dog person too that you know if you need to get a hug with your dog and go for a walk with your dog or just talk about something, share it with them. But.

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Victoria Menzies

You do need a support network, so really carefully think about that squad and someone of the role I actually perform is often helping people to understand well who is your squad? What are your needs? So you do need some emotional support. You need people to give you belief in your abilities, but you need experts as well. So you need to discipline experts that are going to help you. You need your mentors, you need writing editors and things who can read it and say that's not making sense to

me. So you don't always want your discipline esque and expert to read. But if you've got a friend who's a great writer.

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Victoria Menzies

Get them to read, say, is it compelling? Is it me? Ask people who don't know you to read those as well. So think about that squad. Who can you call on that's going to support you and give you the skills, capabilities, insights, knowledge, all those kind of things that you need, work your network if you need to find.

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Victoria Menzies

Places to go, teams that you want to work with, overseas research teams or courses and things. Work it. Find it at LinkedIn is going to be one of the best ways to do it.

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Victoria Menzies

Our Korea's team are phenomenal. They'll help you with your CV, but in addition to that, they can help you understand really how do I use LinkedIn to find people who are from the Griffith community, who might be discipline experts or people who are living in the country? The city you want to go to doing the course, having completed the course, which you've done in the area you'd like to be work at. So that's really one of my important messages and have a really clear plan with the timeline about how you're going to do that.

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Victoria Menzies

So, OK, Peter, anything else that you would like to add to that?

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Peter Binks

No, no. I think you've covered it beautifully. I just wish everyone the best and I and Victoria and the whole team are there to support you. Just reach out to us.

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Victoria Menzies

Thank you. So thank you very much for being here and thank you also to the teams to who we got. We've got Tamara and Grace and Stan and Catherine, Karen and Prunell, Rhys Jordan, Diana and Michael, and of course, especially in my heart for all of you people who are our alumni that have given up your time to be here. I just think you're all wonderful, Peter, a huge thank you. And of course to our Vice Chancellor and President Carolyn Evans, who is such a champion also for.

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Victoria Menzies

Those of you who are applying it is a fantastic opportunity. I encourage you strongly to apply. It's not something that finishes just because you finish your degree. You may look at going back and applying to do a scholarship in another 10-15 years, maybe a Fulbright, maybe a Churchill working out what's right for you. So all the very, very best and have a good evening. Another thank you also to Brett Ryan, who has organised this whole event.

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Victoria Menzies

Thank you so much, Brett. You are amazing. OK. Goodbye, everyone. Have a good night.