
MEET THE NCP ALUMNI AMBASSADORS

INDIGENOUS



**AMARINA
SMITH**

Indigenous NCP Alumni Ambassador

NCP HOST LOCATION: Hong Kong

Amarina recently graduated with a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Government and International Relations from Griffith University and is currently working for the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy in QLD.

As the 2016 NCP Hong Kong Fellow, she was the first indigenous scholarship recipient to also be named a fellow.

During her NCP program Amarina studied law and Mandarin subjects at the University of Hong Kong and interned with an NGO that works to combat human trafficking in the Asia-Pacific region.

Amarina will begin work with DFAT in the Graduate Program in 2019.

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VICTORIA

JOSHUA
COOK

UNIVERSITY: *Deakin University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: India

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SARAH
LAUDER

UNIVERSITY: *Federation University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Republic of Korea

Sarah Lauder is completing her Bachelor of International Studies at Federation University Australia, with a major in Japanese Language/International Studies.

In 2016, Sarah studied in South Korea for 3 weeks at Pukyong National University (PKNU) on a New Colombo mobility grant.

Sarah returned to PKNU in 2017 and completed a semester exchange on a New Colombo mobility grant, studying Korean Language, Korean Culture, International Relations, and World Economy and Sustainable Development.

Sarah is planning on undertaking a Masters of Social Work upon completion of her bachelor degree.



KARISMA
TAKAH

UNIVERSITY: *La Trobe University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Japan

Karisma is a 5th year Law/International Relations student at La Trobe University.

Whilst on exchange in Japan as an NCP Mobility Grant Recipient, she completed her Diploma of Languages in Japanese.

Karisma is passionate about environmental sustainability, cross cultural communication and the Asia-Pacific.

She has participated in various short programs and events in countries such as China and South Korea and looks forward to continuing to engaging with the Asia-Pacific region in the future.



**DANIEL
DE WAARD**

UNIVERSITY: *Monash University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Taiwan

Daniel is passionate about innovating and developing new technologies.

He is currently completing his Bachelor of Electrical and Computer Systems Engineering and Bachelor of Commerce at Monash University.

As part of his New Colombo Plan Scholarship Daniel worked at a medical technology company in Taiwan, and completed a semester of exchange at National Taiwan University.

In Australia, he has worked at Freetronics, Quantum, and Telstra.



**CAITLIN
BRAND**

UNIVERSITY: *Monash University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Hong Kong

Katie Brand is currently completing her Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce, with a Diploma of Languages (Mandarin) at Monash University.

During her time as a New Colombo Plan scholar, she undertook intensive Chinese language study at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, followed by a semester abroad at the University of Hong Kong in 2015.

Following her studies, she completed two legal internships in Hong Kong at Hebert Smith Freehills and Baker & McKenzie. During her scholarship she also volunteered with The Women's Foundation and was a delegate at the Humanitarian Affairs' University Scholarship Leadership Symposium.

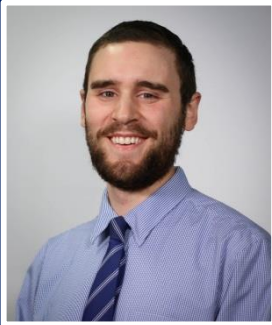
Since then, Katie has interned at the United States Senate, Macquarie Capital and was recently named EY Corporate Finance Woman of the Year.

**CHARLOTTE
JONES**

UNIVERSITY: *Monash University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Fiji

Bio being updated



**LACHLAN
MCKENNA**

UNIVERSITY: *RMIT*

NCP HOST LOCATION: China

Lachlan studies a Bachelor of Engineering (Sustainable Systems) with an emphasis on energy and transport systems at RMIT University in Melbourne.

In 2016, Lachlan was an NCP mobility grant recipient for a semester studying Mandarin at Nanjing University, China. He also completed a semester studying at Xihua University in Chengdu as part of a Sichuan Provincial Government Scholarship program.

His Mandarin language skills were invaluable during an internship at an agricultural-technology startup in Malaysia soon after completing a Diploma of Languages and he aspires to a career in the approaching energy revolution.



**SAMUEL
WILLIAMS**

UNIVERSITY : *Swinburne University of Technology*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Hong Kong

Sam Williams is in his final year of a Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Business at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne.

In 2017, Sam spent a month studying Cantonese followed by a semester at the City University of Hong Kong.

In 2018, Sam interned with the Robert Bird Group in their Hong Kong office and has since returned to Melbourne, where he has continued to work with the firm as an undergraduate engineer.

During his time abroad as a New Colombo Plan scholar, Sam was fortunate to travel to and experience the cultures of numerous countries including China, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan and Philippines



**LUKE
ELSON**

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Melbourne*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Singapore

Luke is in his final year of a Master of Engineering (Chemical) at the University of Melbourne. He graduated from a Bachelor of Science and Diploma in Languages (Indonesian) in 2017.

In semester 1 2017, Luke was fortunate to receive a New Colombo Plan mobility grant to study at the National University of Singapore (NUS). He studied a range of chemical engineering subjects and tried his hand at Chinese (Mandarin) during his time at NUS.

A highlight of Luke's time abroad was a 2 week Chinese language intensive program at Soochow University in Taiwan, which was facilitated through NUS. He has previously studied at Universitas Gadjah Mada in Yogyakarta, Indonesia as a recipient of an AsiaBound grant.

EMILY-ROSE
GUARNUCCIO

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Melbourne*

NCP HOST LOCATION: China

Bio being updated



RENEE ASHLEY
ANDREWS

UNIVERSITY: *Victoria University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: China

Renee is currently studying a Bachelor of Education (P-12) at Victoria University. Her major is Food Technology and she will graduate in 2019.

Through a New Colombo Plan mobility grant, Renee had the opportunity to stay at Shijiazhuang University of Applied Technology in China for three weeks in June 2018.

During her visit, she immersed herself in Chinese culture and spent a lot of time with university students from the college. Her group was able to spend time in primary, secondary and university classrooms to observe teaching techniques.

During practical activities, Renee was able to apply knowledge and skills gained from her observations, and apply these to each level within the Chinese education system.

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NEW SOUTH WALES



GABRIELLE
FOSTER

UNIVERSITY: *Charles Sturt University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Japan

Gabrielle is a student of the Charles Sturt University studying Bachelor of Creative Arts and Design (Graphic Design/Photography)

Early in 2018 Gabrielle had the opportunity to travel to Japan and study for 3 weeks with a body of students. Her ideal of this cultural experience was to be in the space of Japan and expose the senses to the diverse variety within the Japanese culture. Through the lens she witnessed and documented a snippet of the vast tradition, religion and arts of Japan and its transition into modern society.

This opportunity offered through Charles Sturt and the New Colombo Plan has given Gabrielle a fresh outlook on the possibilities for her future. She hopes she can now give back and help others on their journey with cultural interaction and future studies.



SERGE
NASSIF

UNIVERSITY: *Macquarie University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: India

Serge Nassif is in the final session of his Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Commerce (Economics) at Macquarie University.

As a 2018 New Colombo Plan Scholar for India, Serge completed a semester of study at the National Law School of India University, and a legal clerkship at the Centre for Law and Policy Research.

During this time, Serge established a social development initiative that sought to enhance educational prospects in underprivileged communities. In this capacity, Serge was able to secure sponsorships and connect stakeholders between the Indo-Pacific and the Middle East, towards supplying electronic tablets and digital learning technologies to an under-resourced school in South India.

In accordance with his passions for social development and the Indo-Pacific Region, Serge will participate in the 2018 Peace Summit of Emerging Leaders in Bangkok, which seeks to mobilise peace ambassadors to strengthen international peace efforts.



**JULIAN
VIDAL**

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Sydney*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Japan

Julian Vidal is from coastal far north NSW originally and is completing his Arts (Japanese Studies) and Laws degree at the University of Sydney.

He was the New Colombo Plan (PwC) Japan Scholar for 2018. He studied abroad at The University of Tokyo and also conducted internships with Uber in Singapore and Mitsubishi Corporation in Japan.

As the PwC Scholar for Japan, he also interned with PwC Japan in Tokyo. He is deeply appreciative of the experiences that the New Colombo Plan Program has opened to him and looks forward to contributing to Australia's relations with Japan and the Asia-Pacific more broadly in the future.



**WILLIAM
LUU**

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Sydney*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Singapore

William Luu has completed his third year in the Bachelor of Commerce (Finance & Economics Major) and Doctor of Medicine at the University of Sydney.

Under the New Colombo Plan, William undertook a short term intensive program in Singapore to study the multifaceted complexity of ageing populations through a combination of field research and seminars from National University of Singapore (NUS) academics, and as well as community and government officials. This was underpinned by an integrated, holistic cultural immersion which helped enrich insights into the diverse challenges and opportunities from Singapore's ageing populations.

William is currently undertaking summer research at the North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN).



**PIERO
CRANEY**

UNIVERSITY : *The University of New South Wales*

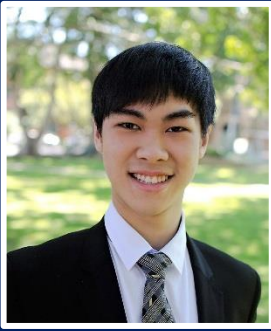
NCP HOST LOCATION: Taiwan

Piero Craney is currently in his final year of a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Arts majoring in Asian Studies at the University of New South Wales.

He studied Mandarin for a year at the International Chinese Language Program (National Taiwan University) on the New Colombo Plan scholarship. During his 18 months abroad, Piero interned at international law firms King & Wood Mallesons and Herbert Smith Freehills in Beijing and Hong Kong.

Since returning to Australia, Piero completed a clerkship at the Sydney office of King & Wood Mallesons and intends to return to the firm as a graduate in 2020.

Piero aspires to work as a cross-border M&A lawyer after he graduates from university.



EDWIN
LAI

UNIVERSITY: *The University of New South Wales*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Republic of Korea

Edwin Lai is currently completing a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) and Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) at the University of New South Wales.

In 2017, he undertook intensive Korean language training in Seoul and studied engineering and business at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) through a New Colombo Plan Scholarship.

In 2018, he interned for six months at Arup in their Transport & Resources Group in Singapore, followed by an immersion program with Mitsui & Co. in Tokyo, Japan.

Edwin is now working as an Undergraduate Transport Planner at AECOM in Sydney whilst he completes his studies.



OLIVIA
GALLIMORE

UNIVERSITY: *University of Newcastle*

NCP HOST LOCATION: China

Olivia Gallimore is in her final year of a Bachelor of Laws (Hons.) at the University of Newcastle, having completed a Bachelor of Social Science from the same university in 2016.

In 2017 she received an NCP Mobility Grant to China where she gained preliminary exposure to Chinese law. In 2018 Olivia returned to China as an NCP Scholar. She interned for six months for a former Australian Ambassador to China at his Beijing-based consultancy firm, Geoff Raby & Associates. After this she completed a semester exchange at Tsinghua University, Beijing as part of the LLM in Chinese Law program. She concurrently undertook an internship with corporate law firm, Chance Bridge Partners.

While in China, Olivia also took Mandarin lessons. She aspires to use her language skills to advance the Australia-China bilateral relationship, with a view to work in both the private and public sectors throughout her career.



MARY
SPARKES

UNIVERSITY : *The University of New England*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Bhutan

Mary is currently in her third year of studies in a Bachelor of Education (Secondary Arts) with the University of New England.

In 2017, with assistance from the New Colombo mobility grant, Mary was able to travel to Bhutan to undertake a short stay study at the University of Paro.

The focus of her study tour was education, and she was able to learn from local university lecturers, experience teaching in a school in Paro and enhance the relationships between UNE and the Bhutanese community.

On completion of her degree, Mary hopes to teach in schools and her passion is to improve the educational experience and standards of all students.



WON HAE
SHIM

UNIVERSITY: *University of Technology Sydney*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Nepal

Won-Hae graduated from Construction Project Management at the University of Technology, Sydney in 2018.

She was a NCP Scholar and Fellow for Nepal, undertaking her final semester at Pokhara University and interning for the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and National Society for Earthquake Technology (NSET).

Won-Hae is passionate about using project management to assist construction in developing countries, or those affected by disaster or conflict.

She has also interned for Worley Parsons in Singapore and Thailand, and Multiplex in India during her NCP program.



EMMA
COSIER

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Wollongong*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Republic of Korea

Emma is currently completing a double degree in Economics and Finance and International Studies, majoring in International relations and Economics with a minor in Indonesian at the University of Wollongong.

Last year Emma was granted a short-term NCP grant to Lombok, Indonesia where she had the opportunity to further her language skills.

She was also granted one long term NCP scholarship to South Korea for a semester, where she studied subjects in political sciences at Kyung Hee University.

Emma is passionate about international relations and strengthening ties within the Indo-Pacific region.



ANDREW
PHONG

UNIVERSITY: *Western Sydney University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: India

Andrew Phong is in the final year of a Bachelor of Business (International Business) degree at Western Sydney University.

Through the New Colombo Plan Mobility Program, Andrew completed an internship in India with a not-for-profit organisation that specialised in providing education to children from disadvantaged communities.

Since returning from his New Colombo Plan experience, Andrew continues to engage with the Indo-Pacific region. He is on route to graduate in 2019 with 7 individual global experiences under his belt which consists of conferences, study tours, semester exchanges and internships in China, Vietnam and Thailand.

Andrew most recently worked on developing a guidebook detailing the innovation start-up ecosystem for market entry with the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

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ANDREW
WEISBACK

UNIVERSITY: *James Cook University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Papua New Guinea

Andrew Weisback has completed a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Asia Pacific Governance and Development at James Cook University. He is currently finishing his honours in Anthropology.

In 2015 Andrew participated in a short-term mobility program that took him to Thailand and Laos for a month, working with students from Nakhon Ratchasima Rajabhat University and the local community. In 2016 Andrew spent a year on exchange at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Japan.

In 2018 Andrew participated in a field study to Papua New Guinea under the New Colombo Plan. During this experience he worked in conjunction with students from the University of PNG as well as highland communities to learn about PNG culture, sustainability practices and the issues facing their society.

Andrew was part of the original committee that founded the JCU Globetrotters student club and acted as President of the organisation. Andrew currently resides in Townsville, North Queensland and works for the Global Mobility Office at James Cook University.



JULIAN
LOH

UNIVERSITY: *Queensland University of Technology*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Hong Kong

Julian Loh was a 2017 New Colombo Plan Scholar for Hong Kong, and is currently a mechanical engineering student at QUT.

In 2017, Julian was supported by a New Colombo mobility grant while completing work experience with Engineers Without Borders in Cambodia.

Later that year, under the NCP Scholarship, he then completed 1 month of intensive Cantonese language training, two semesters of exchange at the City University of Hong Kong School of Energy and Environment, undertook a 6-month sustainability consulting internship with engineering firm Cundall, and a 1-month volunteer placement in disaster resilience with All Hands and Hearts in Nepal.



THOMAS
FAIRWEATHER

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Queensland*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Indonesia

Tom is currently completing a double degree of Arts and Laws at the University of Queensland and will graduate at the end of 2019.

In 2017 Tom received a short-term Mobility Grant to complete a course and research paper on anti-corruption efforts in Indonesia.

Subsequently, in 2018, he undertook an exchange semester at The University of Nottingham - Malaysia; followed by internships in Singapore and Sabah.

Tom holds research interests in Indo-Pacific security and aspires to undertake an honours thesis in 2020 in this area.



ELISE
SCHUSTER

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Queensland*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Republic of Korea

Elise Schuster is currently studying a Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Social Science dual degree at the University of Queensland, majoring in International Relations, Peace & Conflict Studies and Health & Society.

As a 2017 recipient of the New Colombo Plan Scholarship, she studied Northeast Asian politics and Korean foreign policy at Korea University in Seoul, Republic of Korea. She also undertook a six-month research internship in 2018 at Asia Centre, a human rights-focused think-tank and social enterprise in Bangkok, Thailand.

As a former medic in the Australian Army, Elise is passionate about the role that Australia and its young leaders can play in promoting peace and social justice, and preventing conflict and atrocity crimes, in the Indo-Pacific region. She plans to complete Honours in International Relations at the University of Queensland in 2020 to further examine atrocity crime prevention in the region.



JASON
VALUSAGA

UNIVERSITY: *University of the Sunshine Coast*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Indonesia

Jason is an International Business Graduate from the University of the Sunshine Coast and participated in the NCP Mobility Program in Jakarta, Indonesia via the Australian Consortium of in-Country Indonesian Study (ACICS) in 2017-2018.

Jason is passionate about Australia's relationships throughout the Indo-Pacific region, specifically with Indonesia and the South Pacific Islands. He is currently conducting research, focusing on Creating Shared Value (CSV) and exploring opportunities between Australia and its Indo-Pacific partners.

As a NCP Alumni Ambassador, Jason is passionate about promoting the NCP scholarship opportunity throughout Queensland and with a strong focus on diversity, multiculturalism and equality.



NATAYA
BRANJERDPORN

NCP HOST LOCATION: Timor-Leste

Nataya Branjerdporn completed a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) at the University of Queensland. In 2016, as a part of the New Colombo Plan Mobility Grant, she completed a one month internship at the Centre of National Rehabilitation in Dili, Timor Leste.

Nataya is currently back at the University of Queensland completing a PhD. She is passionate about supporting families of children with disabilities living in hard to reach areas, receive the care they need to reach their potential.

Nataya is a published journal article author and has presented her undergraduate research on state, national and international levels including the Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment in Macau and the Universitas 21 Conference in New Zealand.

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**ROXANNE
DONOHUE**

UNIVERSITY: *Charles Darwin University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: China

Roxanne is a Bachelor of Laws student at Charles Darwin University.

In 2018, she studied Chinese Legal System at top tier Comparative Law College, China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, funded by a New Colombo mobility grant.

Roxanne's area of interest is in international business law and will continue developing relationships with host universities internationally, eventually embarking on a semester long study placement abroad.

Roxanne is a mother and works in the NT Government, she has a secondary interest in Family Law.

MEET THE NCP ALUMNI AMBASSADORS TASMANIA



**SALEEM
AMEEN**

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Tasmania*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Republic of Korea

Saleem Ameen graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Computer Science) in 2016 at the University of Tasmania.

Through a New Colombo Plan scholarship in 2017/2018, he undertook an Honours study program in South Korea, exploring the application of artificial intelligence to the field of Medicine.

After completing a semester of study at Kyung Hee University's Graduate School of Computer Engineering, Saleem interned in the Department of Colorectal Surgery at the Yonsei Severance Hospital Cancer Centre, where he worked with surgeons to develop an intelligent intraoperative surgical guidance system.

Currently, Saleem is completing medical research with the Menzies Research Institute in Tasmania, while undertaking further language study in Mandarin and Korean through a Bachelor of Philosophy.

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**ASHLEY
RAMACHANDRAN**

UNIVERSITY: *Flinders University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Indonesia

Ashley Ramachandran is completing a Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice combined Bachelor of International Relations at Flinders University.

Through a NCP mobility grant in 2017, Ashley undertook an Indonesia Intercultural and Inter-workplace Competencies program in conjunction with Universitas Gadjah Mada and Universitas Indonesia.

Ashley has been involved with various humanitarian organisations including the Adelaide Migrant and Refugee Centre, Oaktree, and Red Cross.

She will undertake an International Law and Human Rights program at Masaryk University, Czech Republic in 2019. Ashley is currently a Student Ambassador at Flinders University and hopes to work in the Indo-Pacific region.



**CASSANDRA
COOK**

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Adelaide*

NCP HOST LOCATION: India

Cassandra Cook is in her final year undertaking a Bachelor of Arts - Double major in Creative Writing and Anthropology at The University of Adelaide.

With thanks to Indogenius and the NCP, Cassandra traveled to India where she found her perceptions challenged, furthering her drive for narrative story telling.

She has previously taught English as a second language within Vietnam and China, with each experience relevant to her professional and personal development.

Cassandra's aspiration is to collaborate her skills in writing and anthropology and produce a collection of military parent and child stories, shedding light on family life after a parent has been to war.

**KRYSTLE
CROUCH**

UNIVERSITY: *The University of South Australia*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Japan

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MEET THE NCP ALUMNI AMBASSADORS WESTERN AUSTRALIA



JESSE
TUCEK

UNIVERSITY: *Curtin University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Japan

Jesse is currently studying a double degree in chemistry and Japanese at Curtin University in Perth.

Jesse applied and received the New Colombo Plan Scholarship during his first year of studies at Curtin, and through NCP lived all over Japan for 18 months striving to connect Australia and Japan through chemistry and the sciences.

He interned at the University of Tokyo, Mitsubishi Corporation and JR Central East.

Upon returning to Australia, Jesse represented NCP at the Annual Australia - Japan Business Conference and the Future Leaders Group Round Table.



ALEXANDER
BEST

UNIVERSITY : *Edith Cowan University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Japan

Alexander Best completed a Bachelor of Event, Sport and Recreation Management with Honours from Edith Cowan University in 2017. He also completed a Diploma in Language Studies, majoring in Japanese, concurrently with his Honours degree as a New Colombo Plan Scholar in 2016, based at Kyoto Sangyo University.

During his NCP Scholarship, Alex undertook an internship with the Japan Professional Football League (J-League) working in their International Department.

Since graduating Alex has been active in maintaining his ties with both Kyoto Sangyo University and J-League, and has been a passionate advocate for the NCP at Edith Cowan University. His advocacy of the NCP has included representing his university at the 2018 IEAA Learning Abroad Forum in Perth during which he spoke of the value of the NCP, and of social media as a powerful ally in enhancing outbound student mobility.

Alex is currently undertaking a PhD at Edith Cowan University, investigating the use of technology by sport organisations, and aims to become an academic upon completion of his studies.



KELLY
CROTHERS

UNIVERSITY: *Murdoch University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Indonesia

Kelly Crothers is currently studying a Master's degree in International Affairs and Security at Murdoch University, after completing her undergraduate degree in Indonesian and Security, Terrorism and Counterterrorism studies.

She travelled to Indonesia in 2017 with ACICIS, with the assistance of a New Colombo Plan mobility grant, to take part in a semester-long exchange in Yogyakarta at Gadjah Mada University.

Her focus is on the Australia-Indonesia relationship, particularly security efforts between the two countries, and hopes to pursue a career in international relations and security in the future.



**KAMRAN
AHMED**

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Notre Dame*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Cambodia

Kamran is currently in his last year of a Bachelor of Nursing and Pre-Medicine Certificate at the University of Notre Dame.

In January 2018, through the NCP Mobility Grant, Kamran partook in a social justice exchange, attending St Pauls Institute in Takeo province Cambodia. Kamran really valued the experience he had through the NCP Mobility Grant and upon return from his exchange he co-founded a university society to maintain the relationship with his host institution and to support the local community surrounding the institution.

Kamran's NCP exchange ignited his passion for the Indo-Pacific region. In June 2018 he travelled to China for a university volunteer exchange and in November 2018 he travelled to Vietnam for a nursing clinical placement, an exchange which received the NCP Mobility Grant.



**LIAM
KEARNEY**

UNIVERSITY: *The University of Western Australia*

NCP HOST LOCATION: China

Liam is currently finishing his honours in economics at the University of Western Australia, having previously completed a diploma in Chinese language.

He was the 2017 NCP China Fellow and is now a Westpac Asian Exchange scholar at Tsinghua University where he is pursuing further economics research.

Liam is also the China General Manager of the Australia-China Youth Association. He has supervised many outreach projects in collaboration with the Australian Embassy (Beijing), the Australia-China Council and regional stakeholders.

During his NCP program he also interned at the United Nations, DFAT, KPMG and Lion.

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REBECCA
RYAN

UNIVERSITY : *The Australian National University*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Taiwan

Rebecca is in her final year of a Bachelor of Economics/International Relations at the Australian National University, with a minor in French Language and Culture.

In 2018, through a NCP scholarship, Rebecca was able to participate in a Global Business Immersion program at the National Chengchi University in Taiwan.

Rebecca studied various topics throughout her program, including key Taiwanese industries and Taiwanese-Australian economic relations.

Once she graduates, Rebecca hopes to work in trade and promote Australia's economic interests internationally, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.



TANAYA
ALLEN

UNIVERSITY : *University of Canberra*

NCP HOST LOCATION: Singapore

Tanaya has just finished her second year studying Media Arts and Production/Arts in Content Marketing Strategies and Web Design and Production at the University of Canberra.

During the year, Tanaya had the opportunity to undertake a short-term program at Nanyang Polytechnic in Singapore as part of her degree. The program focused on the concept of healthy ageing, particularly how different cultures perceive ageing and how we can use these perceptions to create culturally diverse projects.

During the program, Tanaya worked in conjunction with health and design students from Australia, Singapore and Taiwan to create projects that were multicultural, multi-disciplinary and multi-generational for elderly care centres across Singapore. These projects were then presented to stakeholders during an exhibition at Singapore's National Design Centre.



DYLAN
MCGIRR

NCP HOST LOCATION: Myanmar

Dylan McGirr is currently completing the fourth year of a Bachelor of Laws/Politics, Philosophy, and Economics at the ANU.

In 2018, he studied the political economy of Myanmar while travelling in Myanmar with the assistance of a New Colombo mobility grant.

This included a project centred on freedom of speech issues in Myanmar under the new NLD-led government.

Dylan aspires to work in policy development in countries like Myanmar in the future.



GINA
ZHENG

NCP HOST LOCATION: Papua New Guinea

Gina Zheng recently graduated with a Bachelor of Law (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts.

During her time as the inaugural New Colombo Plan Fellow to Papua New Guinea, Gina studied at Divine Word University where she and a fellow student established a university action program for gender equality under local PNG NGO, Equal Playing Field.

Since her return to Australia, Gina is working alongside the co-founder and CEO of Equal Playing Field as Director of the Australian entity. In addition, she spent time interning as a Research Officer with the World Wide Fund in Madang, the Fiji Environmental Law Association and GHD. As a result of her research experience in PNG and Fiji, Gina has had three papers - including a Law Honours thesis written in her final year of study - published by peer-reviewed academic journals.

Gina is currently a research assistant at the ANU College of Law, a World Economic Forum Global Shaper, and she sits on Plan International Board as a Youth Advisor to the Programs and Advisory Committee. She will be working as a management consultant with Strategy& (PwC) from March 2018.