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SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL AND MINING ENGINEERING

SHORT TERM STUDY IN JAPAN

NEW COLOMBO MOBILITY PLAN GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW

The New Colombo Plan is 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.

The New Colombo Plan aims to:

- lift knowledge of the Indo-Pacific in Australia by increasing the number of Australian undergraduate students undertaking study and internships in the region
- deepen Australia's people-to-people and institutional relationships with the region, through the engagement of students, universities, businesses and other stakeholder networks in the program
- establish study in the Indo-Pacific as a rite of passage for Australian undergraduate students, and an endeavour that is highly valued by the Australian community, and
- increase the number of work-ready Australian graduates with regional experience.

SHORT TERM STUDY IN JAPAN

The project provides an opportunity for up to 15 undergraduate students to travel to Japan in mid-2017 for a two week stay in Japan that involves:

- on-site attendance at Kyushu University (KU) including the delivery of two series of lectures. Lecture topics include Advanced Engineering Technologies with a focus on the Japanese Manufacturing Sector and Japanese Language. Lectures will be run for nine days and involve a total contact time of 32.5 hours.
- The Kyushu Economic Federation (KEF) will facilitate industry visits to manufacturing facilities in the Fukuoka Prefecture (Toyota, Mitsubishi Heavy Industry, Nippon Steel etc.).

Students will gain knowledge of the type and scale of industry, and the quality and nature of the educational institutions in Japan. Both the engineering and language components of the lecture series will be tailored to have a focus on cultural awareness for engineering professionals and be delivered by leading KU professors with a deep understanding of the region. This coupled with on-site visits to significant manufacturing facilities will give the students an understanding and vocational awareness of the region. Students will be exposed to the high quality of education and manufacturing operations that define modern Japan. Participation of local industry will be facilitated by the KEF with a view to grow exchange opportunities by providing internships at leading Japanese companies.

The project will be the first exchange of UQ undergraduate engineering students to KU.

As part of the trip, students will enroll in elective course, MECH4950 – Special Topics C (#2) during Teaching Period 5 (26 June – 19 August 2017).

APPLICATION DUE DATES

Interested students are encouraged to submit an Expression of Interest to register their interest. Students are still able to submit a full application if they have not completed an Expression of Interest.

30 November 2016	Expression of Interest
28 February 2017	Full application
15 March 2017	Outcome notified

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

A Student participating in a Mobility Project must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- be an Australian citizen. Students cannot receive a Student Grant to undertake a Mobility Project in a Host Location in which they have dual citizenship or residency rights, or in which they have previously been a citizen or permanent resident
- be undertaking a Bachelor Degree (or Bachelor Honours Degree) in an engineering field managed through the School of Mechanical and Mining Engineering (Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical & Materials Engineering, Mechatronic Engineering, Mining Engineering, Mining and Geotechnical Engineering)
- be able to enrol in MECH4950 – Special Topic C (#2) in Teaching Period 5 (2017) and complete all assessment items (pre-departure seminar, be available to travel to Japan from ~1~15 July 2017, and attend the post-travel assessment day which is likely to be the week of 18 July 2017)
- be 18 years of age or older

Japanese language proficiency is not required.

HOW MUCH

Flight and accommodation costs (shared student dormitory) will be paid for by the School of Mechanical and Mining Engineering. Travel insurance for the activities organised by UQ will also be provided.

All meals, local transportation costs (in Brisbane and Fukuoka), and incidental costs are to be paid for by the student.

HOW TO APPLY

The New Colombo Mobility Plan has a merit-based, competitive application process.

Expression of Interest

If you are thinking about applying, please submit your details [online here](#) so that we can keep you up to date!

Full application

Full applications will open in December 2016. Complete the Expression of Interest above and we will notify you when applications are open.

Applicants will need to prepare a short statement to address the following selection criteria (1-2 paragraphs)

1. How will participation aid in your academic development?
2. How will participation aid in your professional development and enhance your employability?
3. What do you hope to gain from this experience on a personal level?

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE ASSESSED

A Selection Panel consisting of representatives from the School of Mechanical and Mining Engineering will consider all applications based on the following criteria:

- the strength of each application and the responses to the application selection criteria;
- academic merit (cumulative GPA and the student's UQ studies report); and
- ability to represent the University in a professional manner.