



Development Studies Immersion in Indonesia

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Development Studies Immersion Program (DSIP)

Gain practical experience in the development studies field in Indonesia

What is ACICIS?

The Australian Consortium for 'In-Country' Indonesian Studies (ACICIS) is the longest running provider of on-country Indonesian study programs for Australian university students and the primary mechanism through which Australian students pursue study in Indonesia for academic credit.

From small beginnings as a facilitator of accredited in-country Indonesian language study, ACICIS' program offerings have grown to include semester-long and six-week professional practicum programs in a range of disciplines, including journalism, development, business, law, and international relations.

ACICIS is a consortium of twenty-three Australian member universities (including all of the Group of Eight) as well as overseas centres-of-excellence in the field of Indonesian and Southeast Asian Studies, such as SOAS at the University of London and Leiden University.

Stakeholder Input

The DSIP has recently expanded with the support of the Australian Government's New Colombo Plan.

ACICIS has received over \$464,000 to support up to 58 students to undertake the program between 2019 and 2022. Twelve ACICIS-member universities - The Australian National University, Charles Darwin University, Flinders University, Monash University, Murdoch University, RMIT University, The University of Adelaide, UNSW Australia, The University of Queensland, University of the Sunshine Coast, Western Sydney University and The University of Western Australia - have received NCP funding to support student participation in this program.

ACICIS continues to evaluate and develop the DSIP to ensure the program meets the needs of consortium members.

What is the DSIP?

A semester-long program designed for students of development studies. This program allows participants to gain valuable 'hands on' experience in the field of international development through either an eight-week community development fieldwork module known as Student Community Service (SCS), or Development Placement with a local community based organisation.

Students undertake 6 weeks of initial intensive language learning and industry-led seminars on the Indonesian development sector. Students then complete a two-month supervised and assessed 'frontline' community development project, either through Student Community Service or a Development Placement.

Industry Sponsors

ACICIS is seeking sponsorship from businesses interested in increasing their links with Indonesia, and in supporting the development of Indonesia-literate students in the field of international relations.

Industry support for the program may include:

- » One-off or ongoing financial contributions to the DSIP;
- » Scholarships and/ or travel grants provided directly to DSIP students, or;
- » Internship positions for DSIP students.

In return, ACICIS will:

- » Acknowledge the support of sponsors and supporters in promotional material;
- » Provide talented interns for long-term industry placements; and
- » Enable sponsors to attract talented, Indonesia-literate graduates to their organisations.

Program Timeline

January

Semester 1 Orientation

February – June

Semester 1 Academic Program

August

Semester 2 Orientation

August – December

Semester 2 Academic Program

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