

### Important:

Before applying at [acicis.edu.au/apply-now](https://www.acicis.edu.au/apply-now), please read and consider the following information. Many frequently asked questions are answered below.

Any queries? Contact Meg McPherson, ACICIS Staff member, at [m.mcpherson@acicis.edu.au](mailto:m.mcpherson@acicis.edu.au) or phone 08 6488 6680.

## 1

### Administration, Visa and Tuition fees

Students are required to pay [administration and visa fees](#) **upfront** and direct to ACICIS by Visa or MasterCard.

Subject to approval by the College of Arts, Business, Law and Social Sciences, ACICIS semester program [tuition fees](#) will be covered by Murdoch University.

In addition to their chosen ACICIS program, students are required to concurrently enrol in a 12-point Murdoch University “shell unit”: ART3071 *In-country Studies Indonesia* (all majors except Indonesian) or IND243/443/543 *Semster in Indonesia* (Indonesian majors only). **Normal Murdoch University fees are payable for these units.** Eligible students may defer unit fees for ART3071 or IND243/443/543 on HECS-HELP. Please note that self-enrolment is not available for these units. More information on how to enrol in these units is contained in section 4 below.

All applicants for the program will be automatically considered for a **\$7,000 or \$8,000 New Colombo Plan mobility grant**. In addition, students may also apply for an **OS-HELP loan of up to \$8,295** to cover the costs of participation above and beyond the New Colombo Plan mobility grant amount (if any). The OS-HELP loan is applied to a student’s HELP debt, to be repaid alongside their HECS once their income reaches the repayment threshold (typically after graduation). More information on NCP and OS-HELP is available below.

## 2

### New Colombo Plan Mobility Grant

To apply for the **New Colombo Plan Mobility Grant**, students simply need to apply for the ACICIS program. ACICIS will automatically assess eligibility for the grant. Key eligibility criteria are:

- Australian citizen,
- Enrolled in an on-shore Australian University throughout the duration of the Mobility Project,
- Be undertaking a Bachelor Degree or Bachelor Honours Degree at the commencement of the Mobility Project, and
- 70% of grant recipients for any given ACICIS program must be aged 18-28.

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### Application deadlines

- Semester 1 Programs (commencing January/February): 15 March (Gadjah Mada University programs)/8 April (all other universities)
- Semester 2 Programs (commencing August): 1 September (all universities)

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### Application process

**Step 1:** Make sure that you are eligible to participate in a semester abroad

1. Ensure that you will have **completed at least 18 points of study** (including advanced standing) prior to your chosen semester. Contact your [Academic Chair](#) if you are unsure.
2. Ensure that you have at sufficient points remaining in your study plan to undertake the semester abroad. Contact your Academic Chair if you are unsure.

*N.B. some of the units taken at the Indonesian university may be able to count as breadth units, specified electives or (less likely) core units towards your Murdoch University degree if approved by your Academic Chair. Students who participate in an ACICIS semester without prior consultation with their Academic Chair will receive 12 points of general electives.*

**Step 2:** Submit your application to ACICIS Study Indonesia:

1. Commence your application on the ACICIS Study Indonesia website [here](#).
2. Student eligibility to receive a New Colombo Plan grant will be considered as part of the application process. There is no separate application form for the New Colombo Plan mobility grant.

**Tip:** Don't leave your application until the last minute, as you will be required to gather multiple documents!

**Step 3:** Once you are accepted onto the ACICIS program ensure that you are correctly enrolled at Murdoch University for the relevant teaching period (Semester 1 or Semester 2). *Note you may need to wait until the end of the semester immediately prior until your enrolment is processed.*

1. As mentioned on page 1, prior to commencing your ACICIS program you are required to enrol in the 12-point unit ART3071 *In-country Studies Indonesia* (all majors except Indonesian) or IND243/443/543 *Semster in Indonesia* (Indonesian majors only) during the equivalent Murdoch University semester (i.e. Semester 1 or Semester 2). **Please note that this unit incurs a tuition fee which is paid the way you normally pay for your studies at**

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- Murdoch University** (e.g. on HECS-HELP)
2. Self-enrolment is not available for these units. Prior to the relevant teaching period, your enrolment will be requested by Murdoch University staff, however, **it is your responsibility to check myinfo and make sure that you are enrolled correctly prior to the commencement of the relevant Murdoch University semester.**
  3. As mentioned above, students are not required to pay the ACICIS semester tuition fee in addition to the ART3071 or IND243/443/543 unit fee. The ACICIS tuition fee will be paid on your behalf by Murdoch University.

### Step 4: Apply for an OS-HELP loan (optional)

1. Students may apply to borrow up to \$8,295 on their HELP debt to cover the costs of participation above and beyond the New Colombo Plan mobility grant amount.
2. Students must meet a number of eligibility criteria to apply for the OS-HELP loan. These include:
  - Students must have completed at least 24 points of Murdoch University units prior to the commencement of the semester program.
  - Students must have at least 3 points of Murdoch University units remaining to complete following the conclusion of the semester program
  - Students require a GPA (Grade Point Average) of 2.0, which is a credit average. Students with a lower GPA may still be considered, based on the support of their Academic Chair
3. To apply for an OS-HELP loan, pick up an application package from the Student Centre or email [StudyAbroad@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:StudyAbroad@murdoch.edu.au) to request that a package be mailed to you. OS-HELP application forms are only available in hard copy.
4. Communication about the OS-HELP loan will be with the Fees and Enrolments Team through MyInfo, by asking a question.

### Step 5: Travel Insurance

1. Murdoch University provides complimentary travel insurance to students studying abroad, but only for the duration of the overseas program. For additional travel before or after the program, private travel insurance has to be purchased at the students' own cost.
2. More information about insurance, including policy details, will be provided at a compulsory pre-departure briefing conducted on campus around the end of the semester prior to your ACICIS program.

### Step 6: Attend a Pre-Departure Session

Two pre-departure sessions will take place immediately before/after the conclusion of the semester prior to your ACICIS program:

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1. A compulsory pre-departure briefing will take place on-campus at Murdoch University. Students will be provided with essential information regarding travel insurance at this briefing.
2. Around the same time, ACICIS will host an informal pre-departure meet up for all Perth-based students departing on programs during the same teaching period. These are not compulsory but offer an opportunity to meet other Perth-based participants and ask questions of ACICIS staff.

## 5 Results

Approximately **twelve weeks** following the conclusion of your ACICIS semester, ACICIS will send an electronic copy of your results to your email, copying in relevant contacts at Murdoch University. Provided that you have satisfactorily completed all components of the ACICIS program and received a passing grade for all units completed in Indonesia, you will receive an “Ungraded Pass” for the ART3071 or IND243/443/543 unit.

*N.B. ACICIS programs are assessed on an “ungraded pass”/“ungraded fail” basis. The grades you receive in Indonesia will not affect your Murdoch University GPA.*