2019 - Global Voices OECD Forum Scholarship

Status: Closed
Applications open: 15/02/2019
Applications close: 17/03/2019

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
Curtin University is supporting a Global Voices Scholarship for a student to attend the 2019 OECD Forum. The Scholarship Program includes attendance at both a domestic and international delegation, as well as private meetings with subject matter and policy experts, esteemed academics, Commonwealth Government Departmental Secretaries, Members of the Australian Parliament, and leaders of civil-society and private organisations.

Scholarship Program Components
- Global Voices Research Fellowship
- Canberra Pre-Departure Briefings Program

The Research Fellowship allows the successful applicant to develop research, analysis and policy-writing skills through developing a policy paper related to the delegation agenda. Your policy paper will include specific recommendations for domestic policy application. The Scholarship is ideal for students with an interest in public policy, global trends, data and analysis, human rights and international development. The Program has a strong international element so we encourage young Australians with a global perspective to apply.

Global Voices is a not-for-profit organisation that is committed in nurturing the next generation of Australian leaders by providing practical experience in foreign policy and international relations. Since their establishment in 2011, over two-hundred young people were supported by Global Voices to attend over fifty international summits to represent Australia.

Student type
- Current Students

Specifically for
- Curtin students wanting to study overseas

Citizenship
- Australian Citizen

Scholarship base
- Merit Based

Value
The scholarship place is fully funded by Curtin University and includes all domestic and international flights, accommodation, breakfasts, visas, insurance, and registration fees (you will need to cover the cost of meals and some transfers).

Scholarship Details

Maximum number awarded
1

Eligible courses
Thematic Focus: Economics, trade, business, international law, development and policy, international relations
Eligibility criteria

The Global Voices Scholarship is open to Curtin University students. Candidates must be:

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Aged 18 to 30 years
- Available to travel to Canberra and Paris for the specified dates
- Able to commit 5 hours a week to completing the Research Fellowship

The scholarship recipient will have a good understanding of international relations and an interest in global development and economics. The successful candidate will be capable and confident presenting to groups, enjoy team work and have excellent communication skills.

How to apply

Application process

Program Timeline

- Applications Close: Midnight AEDT, Sunday 17 March
- Applicants Informed of Outcome: End of March
- Canberra Pre-Departure Briefings: Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 April
- OECD Forum: Monday 20 May - Thursday 23 May (not including travel time)

* Shortlisted applicants must undertake a phone or Skype interview with a member of the Global Voices Executive Team. You must be available between mid to late March.

Application Process

Applications must be lodged via Global Voices - OECD Forum Scholarship website by Midnight AEDT, Sunday 17 March 2019.

In addition to providing information on your previous professional and academic experience, you are required to submit a personal statement and a policy proposal as part of your application (see Research Proposal Instructions). If successful, your proposal will become the basis of your final policy paper and familiarise you with the core themes of the summit.

Research Proposal

You must identify a thematic focus or project associated with the OECD agenda and provide analysis on the issue. You are then expected to provide recommendations for improvement, reform or change. We encourage you to undertake your analysis in the Australian context.

The final policy paper will be similar to a ministerial briefing note. You can find examples of this style of writing through a quick Google search. Previous policy papers are also in our Journal.

Your ideas are a work in progress and the nature and scope of your paper will develop as you undertake your research.

** You must download and use the research proposal instructions.

Personal Statement

The personal statement is an opportunity to introduce yourself and share your reasons for applying. It should outline your ambitions for the future and how you will benefit from the experience. Your personal statement should be no longer than 500 words.

Global Voices is looking for young and emerging Australian leaders and encourage people from diverse backgrounds to apply. When selecting scholarship recipients we consider if an individual may bring a unique voice and perspective to the conversation.

Assessment Criteria

Personal Statement (500 words max)

Your personal statement and experience will demonstrate:

- Leadership skills and participation in extracurricular activities
- A passion for learning and professional development
- An interest in international relations and diplomacy
An understanding of Australian foreign policy
An understanding of the history of the OECD and its priority areas
A positive attitude and willingness to work in a team
A clear 'five-year plan' i.e. short to medium term professional or academic goals
Excellent communications skills

Research Proposal (500 words max)

When assessing your research proposal we consider the relevance of the analysis and the practical application of your policy recommendations. We also consider:

- The fluency of your writing and clarity of expression;
- The depth of analysis and understanding of your chosen research topic; and
- Use of clear structure and 'sign-posting' in the research proposal. We encourage the use of sub-headings.

N.B. Common feedback is to narrow the scope of research. You generally have 6 - 8 weeks to complete your paper, so be realistic as to what you can meaningfully achieve.

Need more information?

Enquiries
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Frequently Asked questions: https://askcurtin.custhelp.com/app/answers/list/kw/scholarship

Further information
For more information and learn about Global Voices, please visit:
W: www.globalvoices.org.au

The above website provides information regarding the program, application process, FAQ and contact via online portal.