

The Australian Consortium for 'In-Country' Indonesian Studies

# Development Studies Professional Practicum in Indonesia



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# ACICIS' Development Studies Professional Practicum (DSPP)

Opening up Indonesia's developments sector to Australian university students

## What is ACICIS?

The Australian Consortium for 'In-Country' Indonesian Studies (ACICIS) is the longest running provider of in-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-five 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

In 2015 and 2016, 22 students completed the DSPP with support from the Australian Government's New Colombo Plan (NCP).

Seven ACICIS-member universities - The University of Adelaide, Flinders University, La Trobe University, Murdoch University, RMIT University, the University of Tasmania and The University of Western Australia - sent students on the practicum program with NCP support.

The DSPP was developed with support from the Myer Foundation. The pilot program ran in 2010, and since then has run each year in January-February. Over 150 student have participated in the DSPP since it's pilot in 2010.

To help develop the program, ACICIS convened a panel of ACICIS member university academics. The DSPP Steering Committee assisted with the design of the program, with the aim to ensure the academic value of the program.

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

## What is the DSPP?

- ◆ A six-week intensive academic and vocational study program in Indonesia for high-achieving upper undergraduate Australian and international students;
- ◆ Students undertake two weeks of intensive Indonesian language learning and industry-led seminars on the Indonesian development and voluntary sector;
- ◆ Students then complete a four-week industry internship placement with a participating Australian or Indonesian organisation;
- ◆ Students are selected each year on a strictly competitive-entry basis, with evidence of excellent academic achievement, voluntary and professional experience;
- ◆ Students are eligible to receive academic credit for the program towards their home degree.

## 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 development.

Industry support for the program may include:

- ◆ One-off or ongoing financial contributions to ACICIS Indonesia's DSPP program;
- ◆ Scholarships and/ or travel grants provided directly to DSPP students, or;
- ◆ Internship positions for DSPP students.

In return, ACICIS will:

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

## 2018 Program Dates

**3-7 January**

Orientation

**8 - 19 January**

Academic Program

**22 January - 16 February**

Supervised Internship Program

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