



THE AUSTRALIA-INDIA LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION *Virtual Exchange*

OVERVIEW

This virtual exchange will provide a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to engage in an online global learning experience. This program will take a deeper look at *urban water, farming practices and conservation systems*, through a sustainability lens, between Australia and India contexts. During the virtual exchange students will undertake a comparative scientific research project, network with international peers and experts, and engage in cultural immersion to build a life-long learning and connections to the Indo-Pacific.

Students will engage virtually (online) over an 8-week period through live and self-led learning activities. Learning activities will be made up of a mixture of live Zoom discussions, cultural activities, and/or independent peer-peer research project work. Students are expected to participate in each session to successfully complete and receive their e-certificate.

DESTINATION:

Virtual (Australia / India)

PROGRAM DATES:

11th April to 30th May 2022

NUMBER OF AVAILABLE SPOTS:

Maximum of 15 students across the AWC network

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE:

Students will receive Rs 5000 to support your research project/fieldwork

ONLINE APPLICATION DUE DATE:

Submissions close on 18th March.
Apply online using this link:
<https://forms.gle/1Vh7fxmTUsrBE7Uz8>

QUESTIONS:

Please contact your university liaison directly

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Undergraduate students in their 2nd or 3rd year, studying either Natural Sciences, Physical Sciences, or Engineering from any major or minor discipline.

WHY APPLY?

- Receive a mini grant to support your research project and in-country fieldwork (as applicable).
- Receive hands-on global experience and an e-certificate for participating in the virtual exchange program.
- Learn and gain valuable discipline and career-relevant skills as a young person working in a global context.
- Meet new people and build your international networks of peers, friends, and colleagues.

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Tentative program dates are Monday, 11th April to Monday, 30th May 2022. Please note week-week activities are subject to change, and days are still to be confirmed. It is expected students will participate in all scheduled activities as part of the virtual exchange. Students will also be expected to participate in a pre-trip workshop that will detail expectations and learning activities. This will be scheduled in early April for accepted students.

DATE (WEEK OF)	ACTIVITY	MODE
11 th April 2022	Formal Welcome	Live (Zoom meeting)
	Introduction to the virtual exchange and icebreakers	
	Navigating the e-learning platform	Offline
18 th April 2022	Cultural Activity	Live (Zoom meeting)
	Introductions to Research Projects: Assigning Student Research Projects	
	Planning your project	Offline
25 th April 2022	Experts and Discussions	Live (Zoom meeting)
	Cultural Activity	
2 nd May 2022	Student Projects – Independent work	Offline
	Exploring e-learning resources	
9 th May 2022	Experts and Discussions	Live (Zoom meeting)
	Cultural Activity	
16 th May 2022	Student Projects – Independent work	Offline
	Exploring e-learning resources	
23 rd May 2022	Student Projects Celebration and Farewell	Live (Zoom meeting)
30 th May 2022	Dissemination of e-certificates	Offline

A detailed itinerary will be provided to accepted students closer to the program dates. Activities are subject to change.



REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE

- Your own laptop or computer, with access to good internet connection.
- A willingness to participate in all sessions and to work autonomously outside of scheduled activities.
- Well-developed English skills, both written and verbal

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

- Application process is highly competitive, and spots are very limited. Successful applicants will be selected based on their passion shown in the response to the open-ended question (see Google Form for details) and their academic achievements. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.
- This experiences and its outcomes may be published on social media and/or other media within Western Sydney University and/or partner Universities on this virtual exchange and/or by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trading (funder).
- Students may be asked to attend post-experience events and/or to give a short presentation about their travel experience to the funder or representatives of your University and/or partnered Universities.

CANCELLATION

- A formal application to withdraw from the this virtual exchange must be emailed to AIWC in a timely manner before the commencement date.



READY TO APPLY?

Please complete your **expression of interest form** online via our Google Form. You must complete all sections including the open-ended questions and submit before the closing date. It will take you 10 minutes or less to fill in. Incomplete or late submissions will be reviewed or followed up.

**ONLINE APPLICATION CLOSE ON
FRIDAY, 18th MARCH 2022**

<https://forms.gle/1Vh7fxmTUsrBE7Uz8>

QUESTIONS ABOUT APPLYING, ELIGIBILITY OR BEING INVOLVED?

Please contact your university liaison directly regarding this opportunity.

IMPORTANT DATES

Online application period	1 st March to 18 th March 2022
Students notified of outcome	31 st March 2022 (Approx.)
Program Dates	11 th April – 30 th May 2022
Post-Activities	TBA (as applicable)