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Pacific Project 2019 Application Pack

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About the trip

Pacific Project is a trip like no other: a world-class youth conference followed by an educational and cultural trip to Vanuatu where we will visit different organisations who are driving development, trade, innovation, and combating climate change in the Pacific.

As a delegate, you will join 11 other carefully selected high school students from across the country and two Directors for this incredible trip. We'll be able to get to know each other as a group on the first day in Auckland where we will have a training day before heading to National Conference in Melbourne. At National Conference, you will be challenged to think critically about global issues, the age of information and how New Zealand and Vanuatu fit into local, national, and global ideas of democracy, as well as learning more about yourself, and making lifelong friends.

Then it's time to take everything you learn at National Conference and travel to Vanuatu for a week of learning, as we focus on economic development, climate change and disaster relief, and visit various organisations like the New Zealand High Commission, CARE International and more. There will also be opportunities to exchange culture with the local community, and downtime for tourist activities.

Pacific Project is unique among the opportunities offered by UN Youth in terms of allowing students a truly first-hand experience with the ideas and issues we often discuss. It supports our delegates to meet like minded global citizens and create long lasting friendships.

Pacific Project will run from 4 – 20 July 2019 and is for secondary school students.

Melbourne: National Conference

National Conference brings together over 100 of the brightest and most engaged students from across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region for an incredible week of discussion, debate, and so much more. It is Australia's largest annual residential youth conference, and is consistently recognised by their government as Australia's premier conference for young people.

During the conference, delegates will represent a UN member state and engage with global issues from this perspective. But National Conference is about much more than Model United Nations. Students will hear from a range of fascinating international experts, participate in workshops and interactive problem solving scenarios and have the chance to offer their own opinions on a range of topics.

The conference will also be full of fun activities and plenty of time to socialise with delegates from across Australia and Asia. National Conference is an incredible opportunity to make Trans-Tasman friendships that will last for years to come.

The theme of National Conference this year is 'The Age of Information', and delegates will take part in various workshops, activities and visits which highlight how democracy has changed our lives, and how it will continue to evolve. Delegates will explore global issues from a regional perspective and be provided with the skills and inspiration to critically appreciate how they go about their lives long after they return home.

This year's National Conference will be held in Melbourne, providing delegates with a unique opportunity to discover the beauty and charm of Victoria.

Vanuatu: Development in the Pacific

This year we will return to Vanuatu for the Pacific leg of the trip. This part of the project will act as a cultural exchange, learning opportunity, and chance for students to engage in locally driven innovation and opportunities.

The delegation will stay in Pango village, where we will learn about local culture and village life. Students will also have the opportunity to reflect on and share their own culture.

Students will visit a variety of organisations working in and around Port Vila, including the New Zealand High Commission and NGOs. This will provide an opportunity to learn and think critically about different approaches to development in the region and the role that New Zealand plays.

We will be visiting the national museum in Vanuatu to educate ourselves on historical technology and design as well as innovation from the present.

There will also be time for everyone to relax and enjoy the beauty of Vanuatu with tourist activities such as bush walks and a day cruise.

Draft Itinerary

Date	What	Notes
Thursday 4 July	Domestic flights, Training workshops	Airport hotel
Friday 5 July	Fly to Melbourne	Melbourne accommodation
Saturday 6 July	National Conference Day 1	Scavenger Hunt and Informal Opening
Sunday 7 July	National Conference Day 2	Workshops, Youth Rep Session, Trivia Night
Monday 8 July	National Conference Day 3	Speaker Panel, Workshops, Bloc Dinners
Tuesday 9 July	National Conference Day 4	Committees, Movie Night
Wednesday 10 July	National Conference Day 5	Workshops, Speaker Panel, Interactive Problem Solving
Thursday 11 July	National Conference Day 6	Leaders Breakfast, General Assembly Session, Finale Dinner
Friday 12 July	Flights	
Saturday 13 July	Vanuatu Day 1	Visits to Ekasup Cultural Village, National Museum of Vanuatu
Sunday 14 July	Vanuatu Day 2	Bush walk
Monday 15 July	Vanuatu Day 3	Meeting with Foreign Affairs Minister, Hon Ralph Regenvanu, at the Vanuatu Parliament
Tuesday 16 July	Vanuatu Day 4	Meetings with CARE International, Vanuatu National Youth Council
Wednesday 17 July	Vanuatu Day 5	Meeting with NZ High Commission
Thursday 18 July	Vanuatu Day 6	Meetings with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry, UNFPA
Friday 19 July	Vanuatu Day 7	Sailaway Cruise
Saturday 20 July	Flights	Domestic flights

Note: This is a draft itinerary, this may be subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to the participants and their parents

Directors and Welfare

Pacific Project is staffed by one Director and one Assistant Director who are responsible for planning the trip and taking care of the delegation while travelling.

The directors will be trained in first aid before departure and will receive further welfare training at National Conference. They have undertaken police checks and are required to abide by a strict code of conduct. The directors have been selected by the UN Youth National Executive for their travel experience, ability to lead a group, manage conflict and provide care for young people.



Hannah Ward – Director

Hannah is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Development Studies and International Relations) degree at Victoria University of Wellington. Having been involved with UN Youth since 2015, Hannah has held a variety of positions in the organisation, including being: 2017 Wellington Vice-President High Schools; Coordinator and committee member of several Wellington regional events; a Regional Delegation Director for Aotearoa Youth Declaration 2017 and 2018; and Head of Welfare for New Zealand Model UN 2018.

Aside from UN Youth, Hannah is a volunteer ambulance officer and youth leader for St John New Zealand. She also works for the Ministry of Education and interns at the Council for International Development.



Patrick Forde – Assistant Director

Patrick is a Law and Business Student (majoring in Strategic Management and Marketing) at the University of Waikato. Patrick first got involved with no previous UN Youth experience in 2017 when he was selected as the Logistics Officer for New Zealand Model UN 2018. After a successful NZ Model UN Patrick has decided to take his organisational and management skills to the next level as Assistant Director of Pacific Project 2019.

As well as UN Youth, Patrick is involved with many other Volunteering activities like being a caseworker at Community Law Waikato. Patrick also loves to get involved with local events in the Waikato and is a board member of many University clubs.

Testimonials

Pacific Project was the best time of my life. Coming from rural New Zealand meant I hadn't had the chance to interact with like-minded people before. Getting to know new people and learn about super interesting content in a new environment was incredible. Coming away from the trip I left with friends I am sure I will have forever, some of which I am living in university halls with. I am reminded daily of the amazing time we had together travelling to Perth and Vanuatu.

- Abby (2017)

Pacific Project was life changing for me. I made lifelong friends with passionate teenagers from all over the world. The trip encouraged me to make the most of every opportunity that comes my way, and to listen and learn with every experience. The time I spent in Perth and Vanuatu was packed with learning and the skills I gained from the experience will last a lifetime.

-Ella (2017)

Pacific Project was an utterly unforgettable experience which served to deliver the best of two worlds – the opportunity to interact with like-minded people, empowering youth to tackle the challenges of today, and the chance to see first-hand the developments that are being made in less developed countries. It was a trip of lifetime that I will never forget!

-Hogan (2014)

The inspirational speakers and all of the debates made me really think critically about the world's current issues in ways I had never considered before, and brought out my passions on different issues. Following up the experience of Nat Con with Vanuatu really contrasted how different our worlds were, despite the relatively short physical distance.

Through this trip, I was able to learn a lot about the world, and myself - it was an experience I would never exchange for anything else!

-Hanseul (2013)

I gained an immeasurable amount of experience over the time that I was in Vanuatu and Melbourne. It opens your eyes to what problems there are in the world and what has to be done. I had a huge amount of fun and everybody was easy to get along with. I learned so much about myself whilst on the trip. It really brings out your passion about certain issues.

-Ollie (2012)

It was the most amazing experience of my life. The trip incorporated so many different aspects and had the perfect balance of fun and education. The juxtaposition of Vanuatu then Melbourne was the perfect contrast. Our experiences in Vanuatu allowed us to incorporate more points of view into discussions and workshops in Australia.

-Catherine (2012)

Financial matters

Payment of delegation fees must be received on or before the dates specified below. Late payments may incur additional administrative fees and, if payments are more than two weeks, late delegates may be removed from the delegation at the discretion of UN Youth New Zealand.

Date Due	Amount
1 April	\$500.00
1 May	\$1,500.00
24 May	\$1,400.00
13 June	\$1,400.00
TOTAL	\$4,800.00

UN Youth New Zealand reserves the right to vary these amounts to within 10 percent of the quoted value. Delegates will be made aware of any cost changes as early as possible. Delegates will also need to bring a small amount of personal spending money.

The first payment is non-refundable. Delegates are eligible for a refund of the third payment up until 20 June 2019. After this, no refunds will be issued.

We understand that the Pacific Project trip is a large financial commitment. If there is a surplus at the end of the trip, it will be divided and refunded to delegates and parents.

Individual Sponsorship and Fundraising

In order to relieve the costs on delegates, we will provide a sponsorship pack with a proposal, templates and letters of support to help you apply for individual sponsorship. We will also provide a fundraising toolbox with a guide, and ideas for initiatives you can undertake. The Pacific Project Directors will be on hand for advice and support.

Success in seeking financial support is often proportional to the effort invested and having the right attitude – in the past, delegates have been able find funding for the entire cost of their trip.

Group Sponsorship

The Pacific Project Directors are in the process of applying for group sponsorship to reduce the cost of the project on the delegation as a whole. However, this is not guaranteed and applicants must be prepared to meet the costs as listed.

Payment Deadlines

If for any reason, you are unable to meet any of the payment deadlines, please contact the Pacific Project Director at hannah.ward@unyouth.org.nz

Application process

Applications open 15 January and close 28 February. If you are successful in your written application, you will receive an interview invitation in early March.

You and your parents/guardians must read through all the attached material carefully before submitting an application. The application form must be signed your parents/guardians.

Making an Application

In your application, please fill out the application form online here and upload:

- Answer the application questions
- A passport photo
- A copy of your current passport (or birth certificate if passport unavailable, but note that you will require a passport that is valid for six months after the arrival date in Vanuatu if selected, in order to participate)
- Contact details for a personal referee (i.e., name, phone number and email address for an employer, teacher, coach or someone outside of school)
- Curriculum Vitae

You must also agree to the Terms & Conditions of Participation as specified on the online form. Do not add any additional materials, as they will not be read. Only applications with all the requested information will be accepted.