

SERVICE LEARNING PLACEMENTS

PLANNING FOR PLACEMENT

Although you cannot enrol in Service Learning for Sustainable Futures until you have successfully completed two years of your Education course, you should start planning early to:

- Find a project which suits your skills, interests and circumstances.
- Start saving if you want to go overseas or to a different area of Australia.
- Find out from where you might get financial support

Importantly though, you can not commence your placement until you start the subject and have undergone the approval process that is part of the first assessment task.

WHEN IS SERVICE LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURES OFFERED?

The subject including the placement and all associated assessment must be completed in one of the following Study Periods:

- Study Period 11 (November-February)
- Study Period 2 (August-November)

TIME REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 50 hours of work in continuous mode in a community, either over the whole study period or in a concentrated block.

WHERE CAN I COMPLETE PLACEMENT?

In any Australian or international organisation provided the placement requires you to:

- contribute to the development of a sustainable society;
- work in a community and a context new to the student;
- meet minimum workplace health and safety standards;
- if in a school, complete the placement outside of normal school hours of that school unless the placement is undertaken outside Australia or as part of an internship.

PLACEMENT LOCATIONS

Find your own placement that meets placement requirements and your own skills and interests, or for a list of project suggestions, click [here](#). Students undertaking ED4460 in 2012 went to [these](#) locations.

JCU is working with [Antipodeans Abroad](#) to provide organised placement programs in Cambodia. Check the program, cost and other details for [Cambodia](#). JCU has formed partnerships with organisations in Thailand and China and international placement options are being organised for 2014.

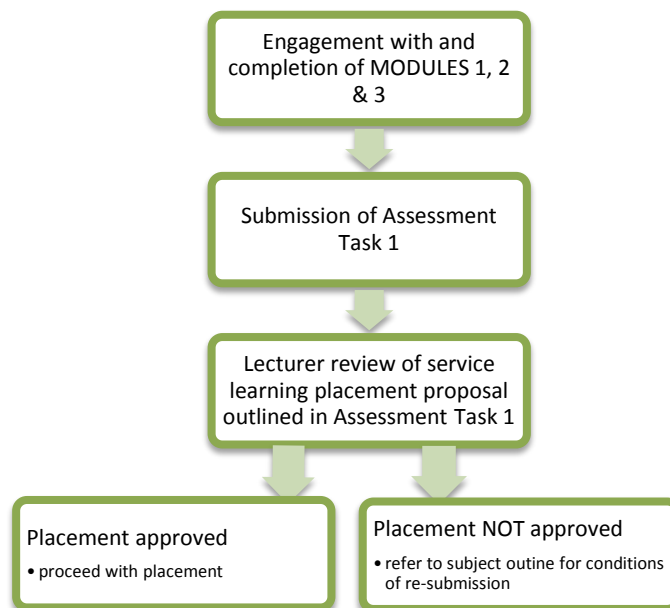
PLANNING FOR INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT

- Do you have **sufficient finances** to cover all of your transport and living requirements as well as passport and vaccination expenses?
- Have you checked the Smart Traveller website to check any safety concerns with the country you are travelling to? <http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/>
- Have you checked any **health concerns** you might encounter in the country and any vaccinations you will require?
- Have you checked the [insurance coverage](#) that JCU provides for students on work placement and made provision for any additional insurance that you might require?
[International Placement Details and Readiness Checklist](#)

The Placement Checklist must be submitted for approval to the subject coordinator.

HOW DO I GET MY PLACEMENT APPROVED?

You CANNOT complete placement before the subject starts. Placement must be approved by the subject lecturer. The subject outline will have further information on the date by which this approval process will take place AND Assessment Task 1 which is critical to placement approval.



Overseas experiences MAY be approved earlier BUT must meet guidelines (more information on this process is available from the subject lecturer). ALSO, as part of this approval process and module work, you will be required to organise your own placement and undertake your own risk and suitability assessments (incorporated into module work). Placement WILL NOT be organised by the School of Education.

You CAN proceed with your placement once this approval has been given by the lecturer.