



Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations

Applications close August 18, 11.59pm AWST.

Position Description

The Australian Youth Representative to the UN is a role appointed annually by UN Youth Australia in partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Running since 1999, the Youth Representative holds an extensive, nationwide consultation tour to engage with and discover the issues that are most important to young Australians.

The bulk of the Youth Rep role is held within Australia, conducting a consultation of Australian young people across the country. Known as the 'Listening Tour', the Youth Rep is expected to visit each state and territory, collecting the perspectives of young people from a diverse range of backgrounds. Following this, the Youth Rep will collate this data into a report that will inform their address at the UN later in the year. The tour culminates in the Youth Rep's Report-Back, wherein they ensure that the information gathered on their consultations is delivered into the hands of decision-makers across the country. Each and every step of the program is essential in ensuring the Youth Rep program creates value for Australian young people.

Responsibilities

- Securing sponsorship/partnership funding for the 2020 program.
- Creation of consultation materials with oversight from the Chief Youth Representation Officer and Chief Education Officer for the Listening Tour and greater outreach to young Australians.
- Representing Australia in their address to the UN General Assembly in New York.
- Working with state and territory divisional liaisons of UN Youth Australia to plan and execute the Listening Tour.
- Maintaining a strong media and social media presence during their term.
- Publishing a formal report on the consultation's findings, inclusive of tangible policy recommendations, to be shared with all stakeholders consulted, and to be distributed to governmental representatives.

Funding and Compensation

The Youth Rep to the UN role is undertaken in a voluntary capacity and does not come with full

funding from either DFAT or UN Youth Australia. In recent years, UN Youth Australia has contributed partial funding for the Listening Tour and Report-Back: in 2019 program that contribution was slightly over \$7,600. In 2019, the program expanded its existing relationship with Regional Express for regional flights. While UN Youth hopes that such sources of funding and partnerships will continue into 2020, at this stage it cannot guarantee any of those sources. Historically, DFAT has paid for the Youth Rep's flights and living costs for the duration of their stay in New York. **The Youth Rep will be expected to actively source funding for the Consultation Tour themselves.**

Please note that the Youth Representative role is considered a **full time position**, and it is an expectation of all candidates that they will treat this as such.

Selection Criteria

All applicants **MUST**:

- Be between 18 - 25 years of age **before September 1, 2020**.
- Be willing to undertake the position on a **full-time basis** for the duration of the program.
- Be an **Australian citizen or permanent resident**.

Applicants will:

- Demonstrate strong oral and written communication skills.
- Demonstrate a clear and coherent vision for the Youth Representative 'Listening Tour'.
- Demonstrate experience in facilitating and working with young people.
- Demonstrate an interest in youth engagement, youth affairs and the empowerment of young Australians.
- Demonstrate strong leadership and collaborative competencies.

Application Requirements

All applications must include a **Statement of Intent** and **CV** outlining relevant experience and qualifications for the role. Your Statement of Intent should (**in no more than 2 pages**) outline your vision and plan for the role, including the securement of sponsorship, and how you wish to achieve these over the course of 2019. Extra material such as a basic project plan outlining your idea for a schedule is desirable, but not mandatory. You **must** endeavour to address the key responsibilities outlined in this Position Description.

UN Youth Australia welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, as well as candidates from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Please email Nick on cyro@unyouth.org.au if you have any further questions about the role. We look forward to hearing from you.

[Submit your application here.](#)