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SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN NORTHERN RIVERS REGION

The NSW Government is partnering with Southern Cross University (SCU) as part of a statewide program to support and engage with the state's international students.

Member for Lismore, Thomas George, said StudyNSW will provide \$38,000 in funding under its partner project program to support SCU in delivering its Volunteer Connect Work Integrated Learning program.

Mr George said StudyNSW is investing \$358,000 in 10 partner projects across the state – including at SCU - to improve the international student experience in NSW.

“This program will equip 100 international students in their first semester with key skills, industry mentors and 15 hours of workplace experience.

“It is a fantastic program that will provide international students valuable workplace experience in regional Australian workplaces and enhance their experience of the Northern Rivers,” Mr George said.

To be held in November 2017 and February 2018, the program will include four weeks of workshops focusing on training in Australian workplace culture, verbal and non-verbal coaching, plus networking and job search skills.

Students will also receive formal recognition for completing their 15 hours of workplace experience through Volunteer Connect.

During the work experience students will be matched with an industry or alumni mentor, who will guide them to seek further work experience or paid employment.

“This program will offer international students lasting memories of their time in Lismore in areas outside of their day-to-day academic life,” Mr George said.

International education is NSW's largest services export and second largest export overall, worth over \$8 billion to the economy and supporting over 46,000 NSW jobs.

[StudyNSW](#) is a dedicated unit in the NSW Department of Industry to boost the number of international students studying in NSW or with our education providers overseas, improve the quality of their experience in the State and recognise their contributions to our communities.

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