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**Celebrating 30 years of internships at
the heart of policymaking**



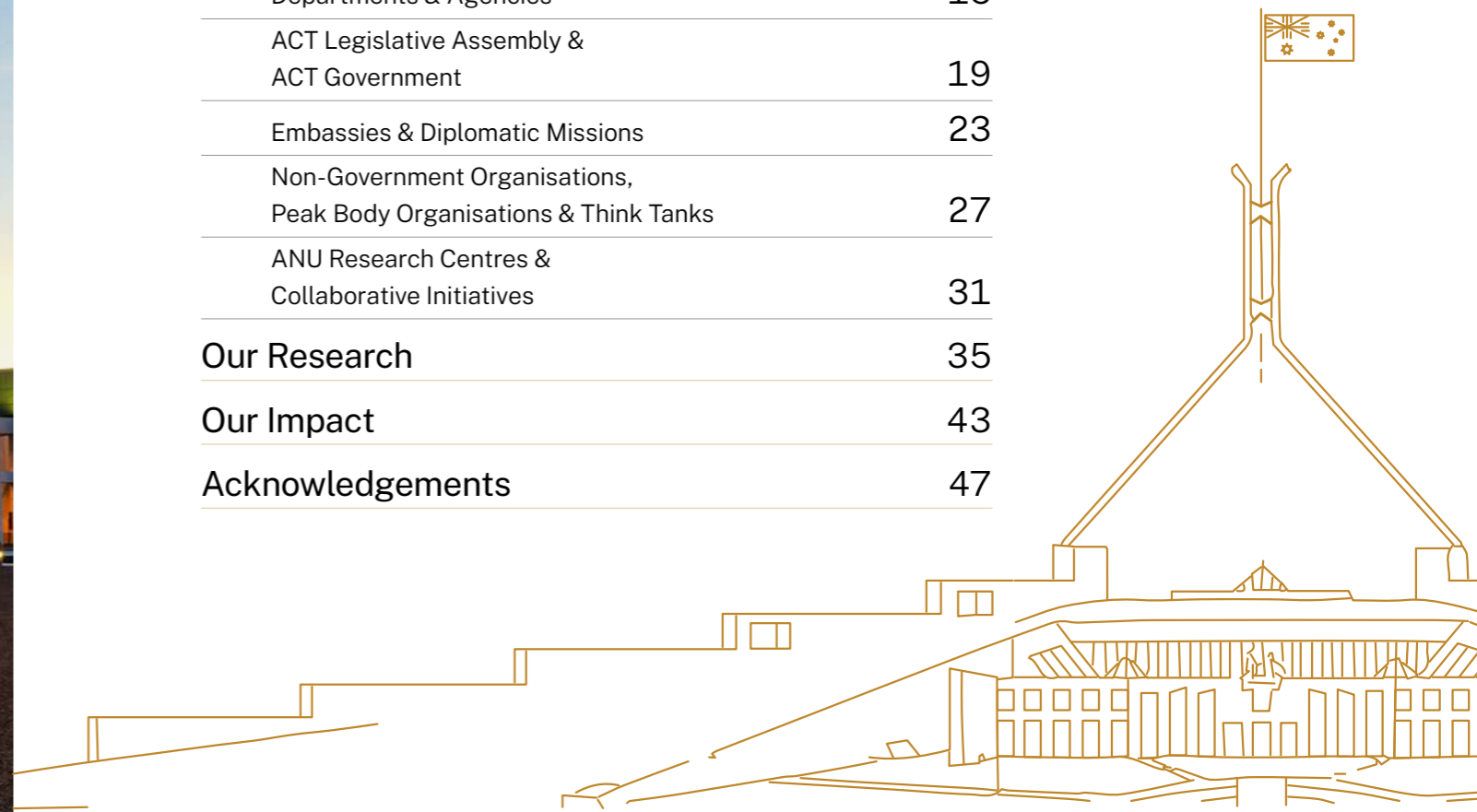
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Welcome

Vice-Chancellor's Statement

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this celebratory publication marking the 30th anniversary of the highly successful Australian National Internships Program (ANIP).

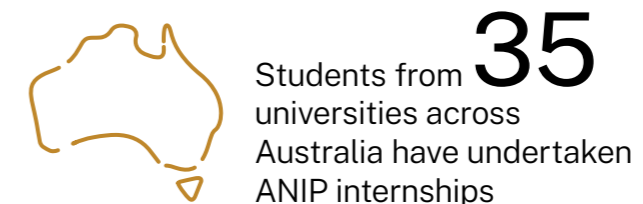
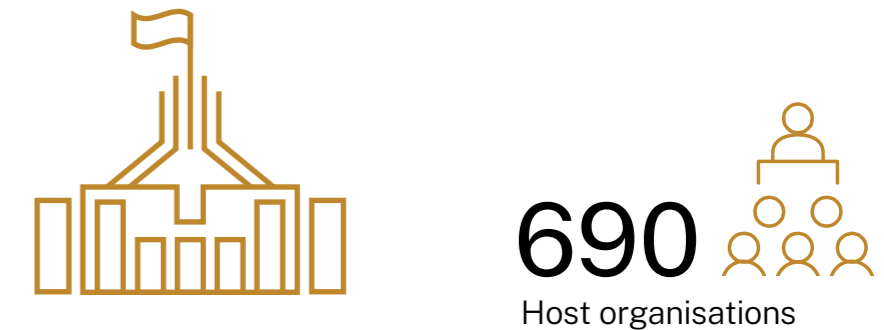
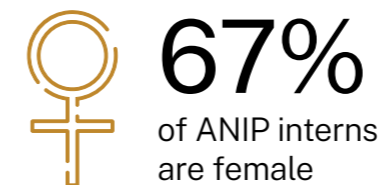
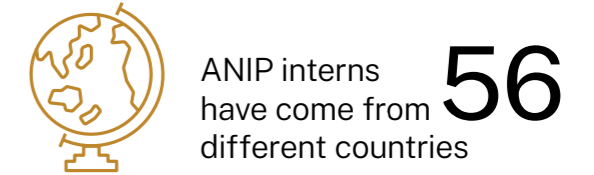
ANIP is one of the world's leading policy internship programs, and it is a flagship course at the Australian National University. Over its 30-year history, 2,707 students have undertaken internships with 690 different hosts. ANIP enables our outstanding students to undertake research internships with the Commonwealth Parliament, enhancing their education and future career opportunities, while also strengthening Australia's international relations.

Since its establishment in 1993, ANIP has expanded to include Commonwealth Government departments and agencies, the ACT Legislative Assembly, embassies and diplomatic missions, non-government organisations and think tanks. This continued growth and development has resulted in a diversity of student research projects that now place ANIP among the most highly regarded programs worldwide.

We are profoundly grateful to the people and organisations who have acted as hosts, supervisors and supporters of the program. The ANIP internship is a truly transformative experience. It has shaped the career development of so many ANIP students by significantly broadening their professional horizons. ANIP exemplifies the University's mission as a national university and the program's alumni are now spread across all levels of policymaking and public life in Australia and overseas.

Professor Brian P. Schmidt AC FAA FRS
Vice-Chancellor, The Australian National University

Fast Facts



Our History

Three Decades

The Australian National Internships Program (ANIP) was created in 1993 to enable university students to experience policymaking in action through a research-based internship in the Commonwealth Parliament of Australia.

ANIP's founding vision as a university course combining a work placement and intensive research project was developed by Professor John Power (ANIP Director, 1993–94), drawing from parliamentary internship schemes in the United Kingdom, North America and Europe.

Policy research projects were nominated by Members of Parliament, Senators and the Parliamentary Departments, with students selected based on competitive entry from universities across Australia and overseas.

This focus on policy research and co-designed projects saw ANIP internships extended to Commonwealth Government departments and agencies, the ACT Legislative Assembly, Embassies and Non-Government Organisations under Dr Jenny Hutchison (ANIP Director, 1995–2000) and Associate Professor Robert Campbell (ANIP Director, 2001–11).



ANIP '96 interns meet with ANIP Director Dr Jenny Hutchison



Speaker Harry Jenkins MP congratulating Associate Professor Robert Campbell on a decade of service as ANIP Director, 2011

Among ANIP's former students are one State Premier, four Ministers and three Ambassadors:

- The Hon Jacinta Allan MP, Premier of Victoria, Former Minister for Transport and Infrastructure (ANIP '95)
- The Hon Michael Keenan, former Minister for Justice, former Minister for Human Services and former Minister for Digital Transformation (ANIP '95)
- The Hon Ben Morton, former Minister for the Public Service and former Minister Assisting the Prime Minister and Cabinet (ANIP '01)
- The Hon Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, former Attorney-General and former Minister for Economy, Public Enterprises, Civil Service and Communications in Fiji (ANIP '94)
- Ms Rebekah Grindlay, former Australian Ambassador to Lebanon (ANIP '99)
- Her Excellency Ms Elizabeth Day, Australian Ambassador to Switzerland (ANIP '98)
- His Excellency Mr Cong Peiwu, China's Ambassador to Canada (ANIP '95)

Many of our alumni have gone on to return to the program as hosts, including Mr Jerome Laxale MP (ANIP '04), and Ms Lyndal Groom (ANIP '96) who has created opportunities across the Department of Education, Austrade, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The diversity of research projects and policymaking activities provided by ANIP's host institutions has resulted in a unique cohort of students drawn from all academic disciplines and social backgrounds.

Interns are selected based on outstanding academic performance, research skills and public engagement, making ANIP one of the most highly regarded internship opportunities in Australia.

“ANIP will make country-wide, through a genuinely national scheme, the unique experiences attainable only in the national capital.”

Professor Richard Campbell, Dean of the ANU Faculty of the Arts, 1990-94



ANIP '99 interns
with Prime Minister
John Howard

Our History

Students from 35 universities across Australia have undertaken ANIP internships:

The Australian National University
Bond University
Charles Sturt University
CQ University
Curtin University
Deakin University
Edith Cowan University
Federation University Australia
Flinders University
Griffith University
James Cook University
La Trobe University
Macquarie University
Monash University
Murdoch University
Queensland University of Technology
RMIT University
Swinburne University

University of Adelaide
University of Canberra
University of Melbourne
University of New England
University of New South Wales
University of Notre Dame Australia
University of Queensland
University of South Australia
University of Southern Queensland
University of Sydney
University of Tasmania
University of Technology Sydney
University of Sunshine Coast
University of Western Australia
University of Wollongong
Victoria University
Western Sydney University

● Residential origin of ANIP interns, 1993-2023



Our History

30 years of internships

Research reports undertaken by ANIP interns cover more than a hundred different fields of research ranging from Indigenous languages to cybersecurity, from international trade to parliamentary reform, from environmental studies to health policy, from migration to science communication, from global development to domestic violence.

ANIP research reports have been used in parliamentary debates and committee enquiries, presented as briefings by embassies or scoping studies for NGOs, incorporated into larger reports by government departments and think tanks, and published as peer-reviewed academic research articles.

Research areas



Our Hosts

Commonwealth Parliament

ANIP is the only university program that offers Commonwealth Parliamentary Internships. Interns undertake research placements in the offices of Members of the House of Representatives, Senators and the Parliamentary Departments. From its inception, the development of the internship program has been strongly shaped by the support of the Presiding Officers of the Parliament and their representatives on ANIP's Parliamentary Steering Committee.

1278 students have undertaken ANIP internships with
393 Parliamentarians

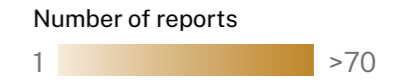
723 students have undertaken internships with
261 Members of the House of Representatives

443 students have undertaken internships with
132 Senators

112 students have undertaken internships with
Parliamentary Departments and Committees



Commonwealth Parliament
ANIP reports by field of research



Our Hosts

Commonwealth Government Departments & Agencies

Commonwealth Government departments and agencies have been central participants in ANIP throughout its 30 years. In recent years, government hosts such as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Defence, and the Department of Health and Aged Care have sponsored ANIP research projects across a wide range of policy areas, such as the environment, defence and security, global trade and development and the Pacific. ANIP has also been used to build on deeper research collaborations with the University through internships with the Australian Institute of Criminology and the National Museum of Australia.

528 students have undertaken internships with
71 Commonwealth Government Departments and Agencies



ANIP reports by field of research



Our Hosts

ACT Legislative Assembly & ACT Government

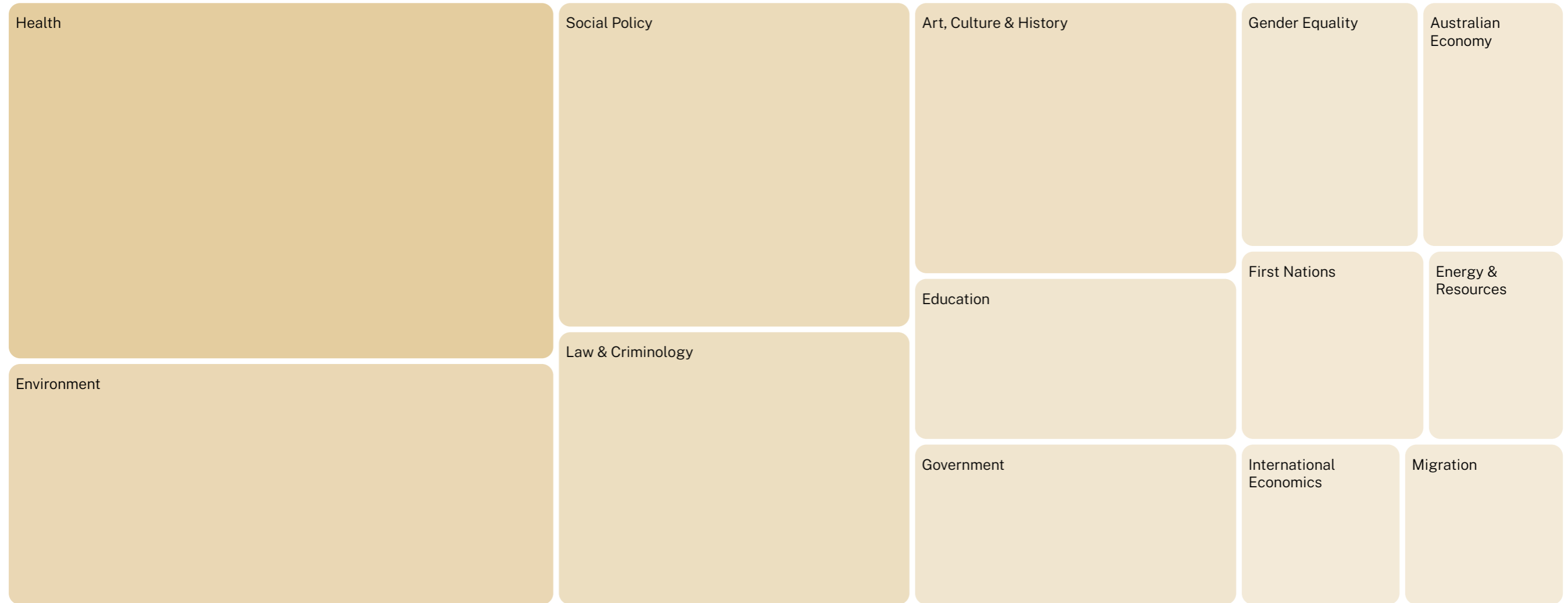
The ACT Legislative Assembly and the ACT Government have hosted a broad array of ANIP research projects ranging from cultural policy to emergency services. Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly have hosted 56 per cent of the ANIP interns placed with local government, with the remaining internships spread across 26 government agencies.

61 students have undertaken internships with
31 Members of the ACT Legislative Assembly

49 students have undertaken internships with
26 ACT Government Directorates & Agencies



ACT Legislative Assembly & ACT Government
ANIP reports by field of research



Our Hosts

Embassies & Diplomatic Missions

The initiative by Director Robert Campbell to develop ANIP internships with Diplomatic Missions began in 2003 with the Embassy of Argentina. Students value the opportunity to develop their language skills and to engage with the variety of activities that comprise the daily life of the Diplomatic Missions based in Canberra. Students have enjoyed internship placements across Diplomatic Missions from Latin America, Asia & the Pacific, Europe, Africa and the United States.

253 students have undertaken internships with
46 Embassies & Diplomatic Missions



Embassies & Diplomatic Missions

ANIP reports by field of research

Number of reports



Our Hosts

Non-Government Organisations, Peak Body Organisations & Think Tanks

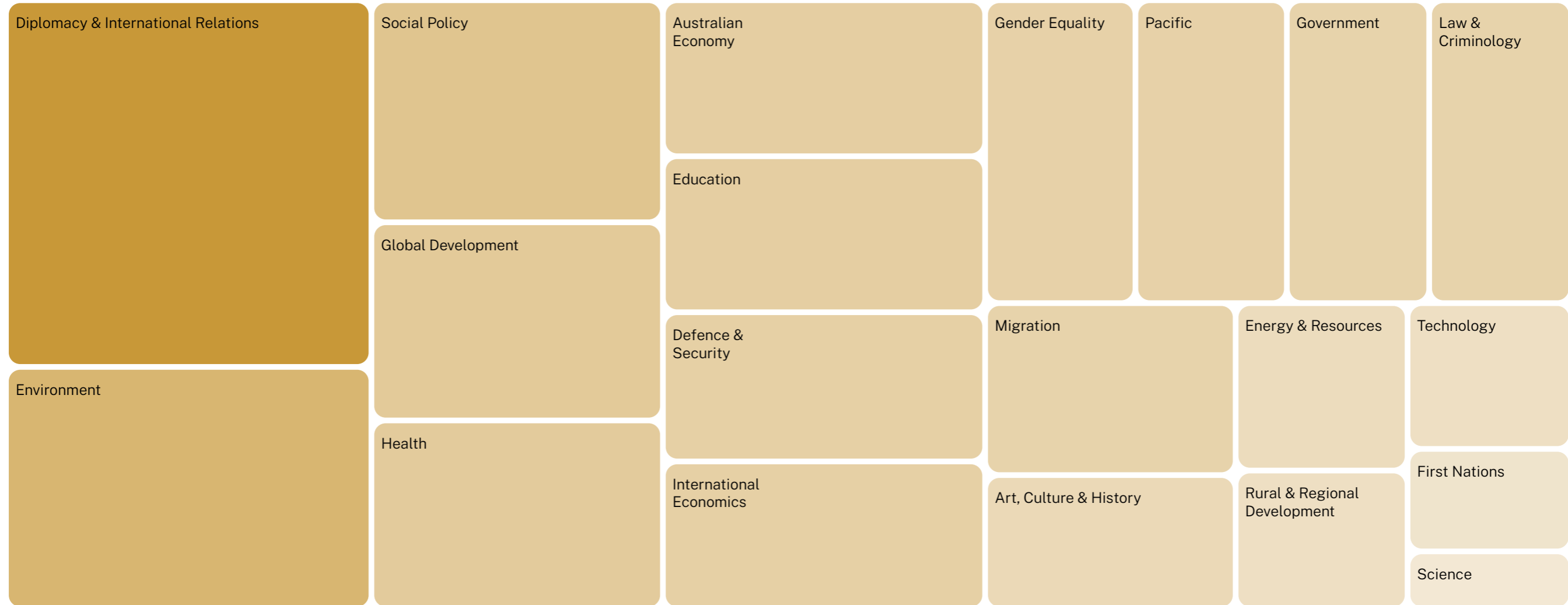
Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) provide a wide array of opportunities for ANIP interns. Like many ANIP host partners, many NGOs rely on the research undertaken by ANIP interns to inform their operations, including work with government and other stakeholders, which enables interns to have real and lasting impacts on their host organisations. Peak Body Organisations and Think Tanks give interns the opportunity to work with world-class professionals and experts in new, exciting and diverse fields of research.

407 students have undertaken internships with
95 NGOs, Peak Body Organisations & Think Tanks



Non-Government Organisations, Peak Body Organisations & Think Tanks

ANIP reports by field of research



Our Hosts

ANU Research Centres & Collaborative Initiatives

Research internships with ANU Research Centres and other ANU collaborations have enabled students to experience the intersection of world leading research, public engagement and social impact. Hosts such as the ANU Development Policy Centre provide students with access to leading experts in the region, as well as the opportunity to gain insight into the activities of one of the Pacific's leading think tanks.

134 students have undertaken internships with
28 ANU Research Centres & Collaborative Initiatives



ANU Research Centres & Collaborative Initiatives

ANIP reports by field of research

Number of reports



Our Research

Internships that make a Difference

Each dot represents one student.

- Parliament of Australia
- ACT Government
- Commonwealth Government Agencies
- NGOs & Peak Body Organisations
- Diplomatic Missions
- ANU Research Centres

Arts, Culture & History



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

Defence & Security



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

Australian Economy & Regional Development



First decade



Second decade

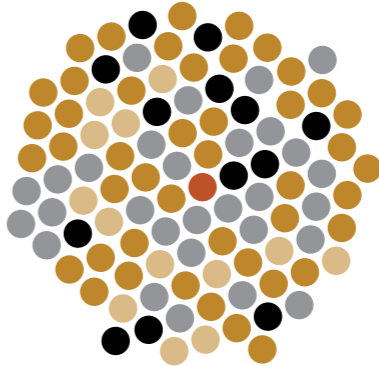


Third decade

Diplomacy & International Relations



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

Our Research

Internships that make a Difference

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- ANU Research Centres

Education



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

First Nations



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

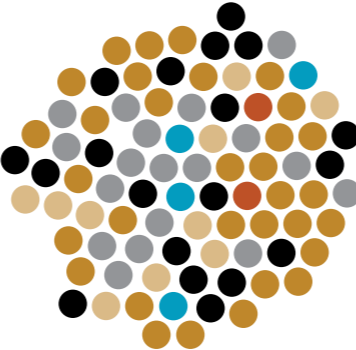
Environment



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

Gender Equality



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

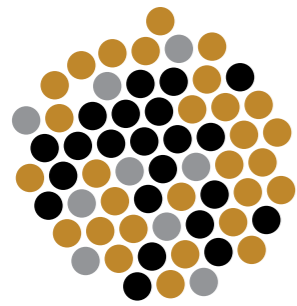
Our Research

Internships that make a Difference

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- ANU Research Centres

Global Development & Trade



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

Health



First decade

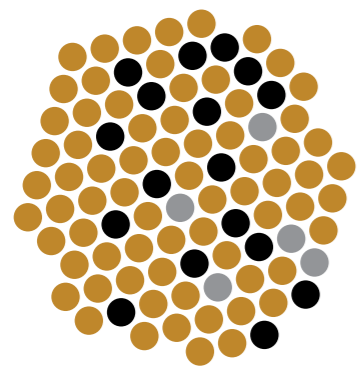


Second decade

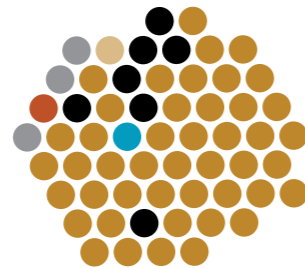


Third decade

Government & Democracy



First decade



Second decade

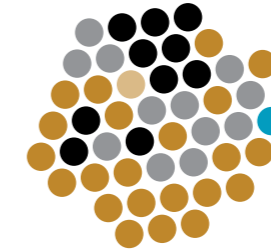


Third decade

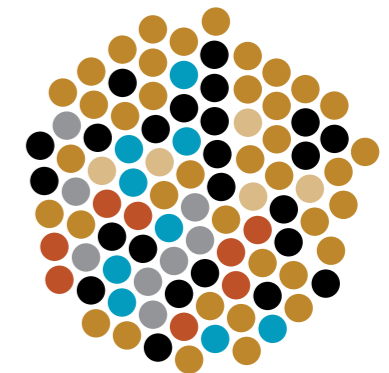
Law, Human Rights & Criminology



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

Our Research

Internships that make a Difference

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- Parliament of Australia
- Commonwealth Government Agencies
- Diplomatic Missions
- ACT Government
- NGOs & Peak Body Organisations
- ANU Research Centres

The Pacific



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

Science & Technology



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

Migration



First decade

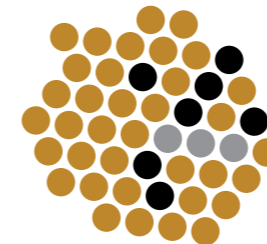


Second decade



Third decade

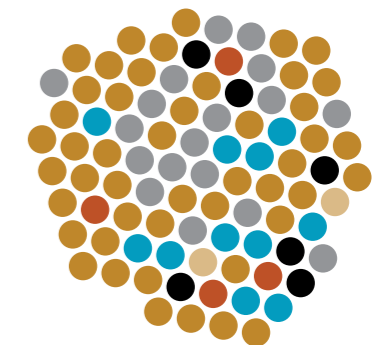
Social Policy



First decade



Second decade



Third decade

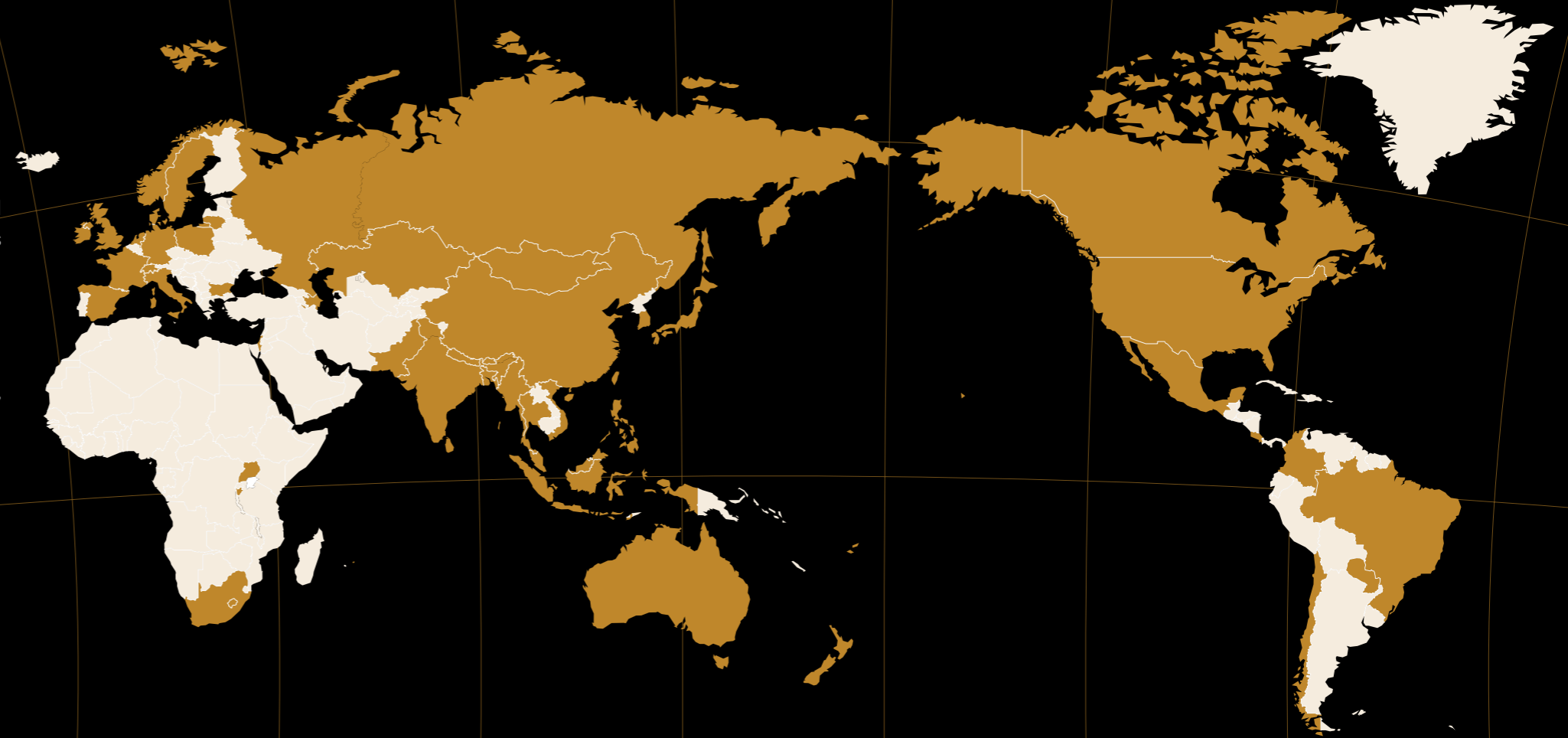
Our Impact

International

ANIP's foundation was strongly marked by its international vision, which included placements for students from American universities, and government officials from the Pacific, Asia, and Africa sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Over the past 30 years, students from 56 different countries have undertaken ANIP internships, often drawing on their local expertise to shape their research projects. ANIP's third decade has been marked by an expansion of internships overseas with students seeking to develop their employability for global careers. Amongst the international hosts that ANIP has worked with are the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the World Wildlife Fund, with Australian students undertaking research projects in Belgium, China, Kenya, Papua New Guinea, Switzerland and Taiwan.

Through programs such as the Australia Awards, ANIP has received a number of early career public servants from overseas who use the internship as a secondment opportunity to develop their professional networks and specialist skills.

● Country origin of ANIP interns, 1993-2023



Our Impact

Scholarships

ANIP Travel Grants

ANIP Travel Grants enable students from across Australia to participate in the unique experiences that the program offers. As a merit-based applied policy research internship program, ANIP has a strong history of promoting equity and diversity in Australia's leading institutions, and the Travel Grants play a central role in increasing that accessibility.

Ken Wanganeen Scholarship

This scholarship is administered by the Tjabal Centre and is open to Indigenous Australians enrolled in ANIP. The scholarship was established in memory of the distinguished Indigenous Australian, Ken Wanganeen. Mr Wanganeen completed his first degree with honours at Flinders University, and later became Assistant Secretary in the Department of Aboriginal Affairs. He was committed to developing constructive ways of bringing the people of Australia together.



ANIP '18 interns attend Parliamentary orientation at Parliament House, Canberra, 2018



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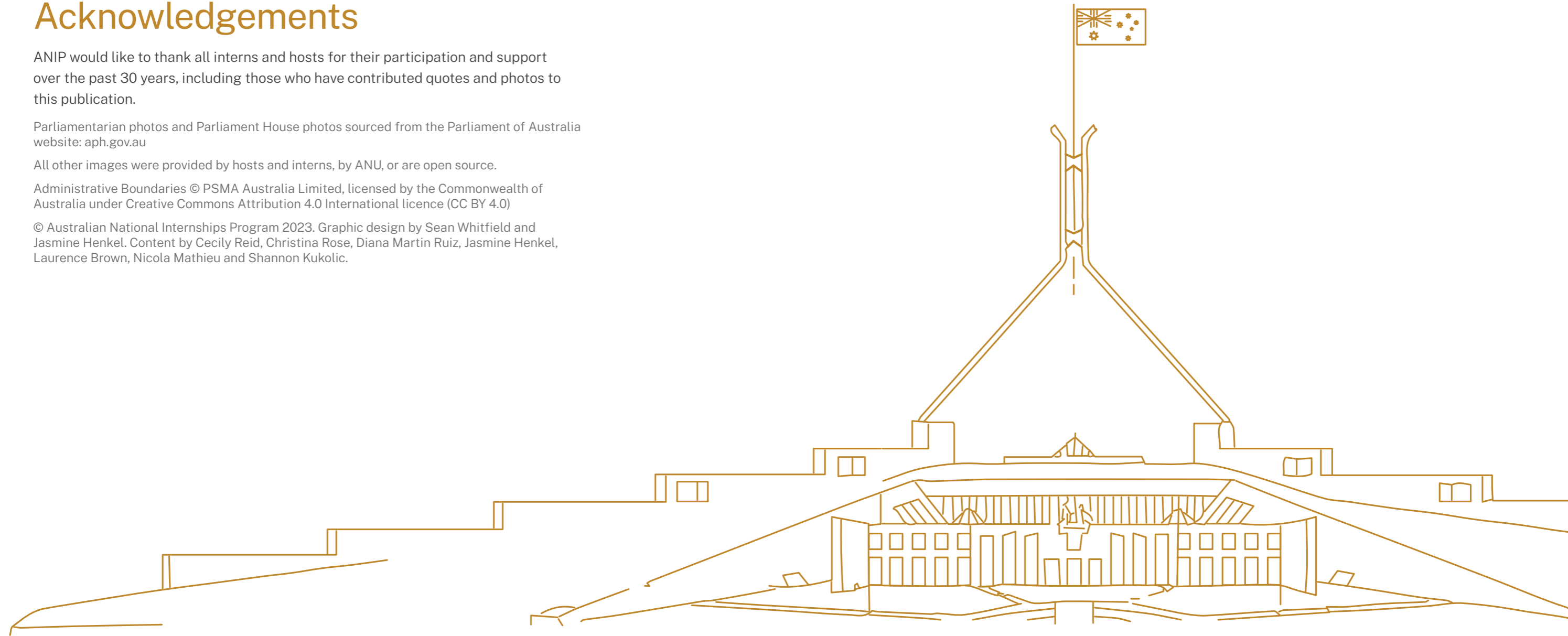
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