



PALMY GLOBAL AMBASSADOR

2024/25 PROSPECTUS





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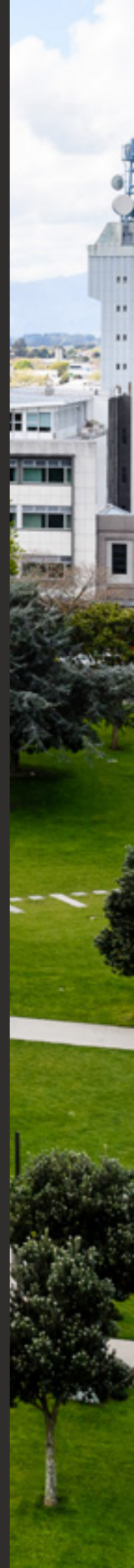
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Global Ambassadors Wanted

Are you curious about other countries and cultures?
Do you want a globally focused career path?

Palmy is home to world-leading businesses, research and education institutes. We welcome students from all over the world and are also home to a refugee resettlement centre.

We're looking for keen young people to represent Palmy on the world stage by joining us as a Palmy Global Ambassador. This volunteer programme is open to those living in Palmy and aged between 18 and 24.

Our vision for Palmy is to be a city with 'small city benefits, big city ambition' and our international connections help to add vibrancy and diversity to this vision. Through the Palmy Global Ambassador programme, you will:

- Take an active role showcasing our city to important visitors and diplomats
- Help to share our fantastic city's story with the world
- Learn about our international partnerships and the role of our Welcoming Communities programme through public events and festivals
- Get Council support to plan and manage your own event.

Applications are open between 19 August and close September 13.
Places are limited, so if you're interested in becoming a candidate get your application in now!



The Programme

As an ambassador you'll work with us to help make Palmy a more open and inclusive community by supporting our international partnerships through volunteer work experience. You'll gain new skills, inter-cultural knowledge, contacts and experience that will all contribute towards your CV.

The Programme aims to:

- Involve young people in the city's international partnerships, and in telling our story to the world
- Help local and international students gain work experience and skills relevant to the global marketplace
- Promote connections and activities between domestic and international students
- Empower local talent and support local initiatives with links to our international relations goals and community development goals in the Oranga Papaioea City Strategy and plans
- Take a lead role in the Welcoming Communities programme to support young people into leadership roles and new community members into our city
- Encourage youth to participate in events happening around the city.
- Expose young people to the different roles within local government

What kind of things will I do in the programme?

- Gain real world skills through voluntary work experience with Palmerston North City Council
- Help us run international-themed events
- Assist and support "Welcoming Communities" initiatives
- Support international VIP visitors and dignitaries
- Participate in advisory groups
- Create your own student event in line with our international relations goals and community development goals
- Support Palmy's diplomatic relationships and international city partnerships
- Network with local leaders who are making an impact overseas or bringing an international flavour to our city
- Meet with the Mayor, senior officials and other local leaders to contribute ideas on making our city a more inclusive, connected place



Eligibility and Selection

Who is eligible and how are candidates selected?

We choose up to five ambassadors each year. They're selected by a panel using the following criteria:

- Aged between 18 and 24
- Living in Palmy
- Passionate about international relations and global connections
- Culturally competent
- Available for monthly meetings
- Can commit to approximately four to five hours a month, or 40-50 hours in total between September 2024 to April 2025 (flexible around your study and personal commitments)
- Show professional conduct and have strong communication skills (a second language is a bonus)
- Uphold the values of and act in accordance with The Treaty of Waitangi.

The selection panel consists of our International Relations Manager, Community Development Manager, International Relations and Education Advisor and Community Development Advisor (Welcoming Communities)



Testimonials

“It has been an amazing journey this year. Many thanks to the passionate and super nice people at the city council leading this programme. Being a global ambassador gives me the opportunity to dedicate myself to several projects, meet friends with different backgrounds and most importantly promote Palmy and build up connections. Highly recommend to people who are keen to challenge themselves and see the world. You only live once, come and join us!!”

- Bert You, 2018/2019 Palmy Global Ambassador

“This program has enabled me to be a part of the kaupapa of what this city provides to future leaders. I feel like an active citizen and more connected than ever, having the capacity to share that with not only the diverse communities that exist here in Palmerston North but the ones who are yet to join. Being a part of the pilot program has been a privilege to help set a foundation, so people can build off this more and more. The people I have worked alongside in this program are some of the hardest working people I have met - I hope we can work together again to create more amazing changes in our communities!”

- Nikita Skipper, 2018/2019 Palmy Global Ambassador

“Being a part of the Palmy Global Ambassador Programme 2023/2024 was an incredible journey. I am deeply grateful to the supportive International Relations & International Education and Welcoming Communities teams who have made this experience so rewarding. I have had the chance to immerse myself in various city-level events and projects, forge friendships with individuals from diverse backgrounds, and most importantly, promote the vibrant community of Palmerston North. I highly recommend this programme to anyone eager to challenge themselves, expand their horizons and be a positive change maker in our interconnected city!”

- Michelle Thanh Nguyen, 2023/24 Global Ambassador

Activity Calendar

2024/25

Ambassadors are required to contribute around four to five hours a month (or 40-50 hours overall) to the programme. This may include some of the following activities:

2024

August

Applications open on 19 August

September

Applications close on 13 September

Panel meets for deliberation

Shortlisted applicants are interviewed

Global Ambassadors selected by panel

First Global Ambassadors Hui at PNCC

October

Monthly Global Ambassadors Hui at PNCC

First training session/module

November

Monthly Global Ambassadors Hui at PNCC

Diwali events

City Welcome pōwhiri

December

Monthly Global Ambassadors Hui at PNCC

Second training session/module

New Zealand Institute of International Affairs event (TBC)

2025

January

Monthly Global Ambassadors Hui at PNCC

Third training session/module

February

Monthly Global Ambassadors Hui at PNCC

Lunar New Year events

Ethkick events

Missoula Day

Festival of Cultures events

March

Monthly Global Ambassadors Hui at PNCC

Fourth training session/module

Festival of Colours events

April

Final Global Ambassadors Hui at PNCC

Global Ambassadors planned and managed event

Certificates presented by Mayor

Volunteer Work Experience

What you can expect from us:

- We will keep you informed of the opportunities to volunteer for globally focused events, visits, conferences, and community projects
- You will be briefed on volunteering and internship expectations, including timeframes and key community contacts. We offer a safe, honest, and open space to talk to about our volunteer opportunities
- We will respect your study and personal commitments and be flexible around these.

What we expect from you:

- To manage your workload around your project and volunteer commitments
- To be committed and accountable for your projects and the programme
- To get involved with activities that excite and reward you, and provide feedback on how things went
- To talk with your Council liaison/mentor over any questions or concerns
- To represent the Global Ambassadors brand responsibly and professionally.

Monthly Hui

This will also be a chance to get to know other ambassadors and hear about upcoming projects you may want to get involved in.

Creating your own student event

What you can expect from us:

- Guidance and mentorship around project shape and direction
- We'll connect you with other organisations, community groups and contacts beneficial to your project
- Provide a safe, honest, and open space to talk about your project.

What we expect from you while working on this project:

- To manage your workload and budget
- To be committed and accountable
- To keep in contact with Council about your projects so we can provide feedback and signoff
- To deliver on time and within budget.



Application Form

Name:

Address:

Contact Number(s):

Age:

Email:

Are you currently studying, in employment and/or contributing to your whānau and community?
Tell us a bit about what you do:

If studying, please name the institution, year of study, and if you are a domestic or international student.

What makes you, you? Tell us about your makeup - culture, ethnicity, background, interests, languages spoken.

What do you think you can offer the Global Ambassadors Programme?

Anything else we should be aware of?

Please provide contact details of a referee:





How to apply

1. Fill in the application form or look online at pncc.govt.nz/globalambassadors. Attach additional pages if necessary.
2. Create a short (two minutes max) video answering the question: **'How can Palmerston North become an even more internationally engaged city, and how would you help it to get there?'**
3. Use Google Drive or WeTransfer to upload/send the video and completed application form to global.ambassadors@pncc.govt.nz
4. The panel will view your submission and be in touch.
5. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed via Zoom or in person.

Disclaimer:

In applying you must be confident in your ability to contribute about 4 or 5 hours a month or 50 hours overall of volunteer time to the Global Ambassadors Programme over the course of the year. The timing of volunteer contributions can be flexible, negotiated around study or work commitments and leave periods.

Privacy Statement:

The information provided on this form will be used to assess your suitability for a position on the Palmy Global Ambassadors Programme. Only members of the selection panel and administration team will have direct access to this information.

The panel is looking to appoint a broad range of backgrounds and skills to the programme, so these questions are to help us get to know you. The information requested is not required by law, but if insufficient information is provided with your application, it may not be considered.

You have a right of access to personal information about you held by the Palmerston North City Council, and you are also entitled to request information about you to be corrected. This application form will be kept for a maximum of 12 months after which it will be destroyed.



Key Contacts

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Tertiary advice:

If you are studying at one of these local tertiary providers, and want to talk to someone about whether this opportunity is right for you, your studies, and your career-path, here are the points of contact:

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