

On Track Together | FAQs



Is On Track Together for me?

Maybe! We're seeking people in their 20s and early 30s who are looking for opportunities to learn and to serve in an integrated way. We ask that you have:



An **active** Christian faith



A **willingness to use your skills** to serve others



A **desire for learning and time to commit** to study and reflection



Personal life circumstances that allow you to **live overseas in challenging environments** for 6 or 12 months.

I'm not sure I want to be a 'missionary'. Can I still join?

Yes. On Track Together is for anyone who wants to grow as a culturally-intelligent follower of Jesus. You'll be equipped to engage interculturally in your own neighbourhood or in the international workforce. If you're considering long-term overseas mission, it's a great way to test that calling too.

I live in a regional or rural area. Can I be involved?

Absolutely! We've designed On Track Together with you in mind, not only those from the big smoke! Studying at Tabor online means people from all around Australia can participate. With more migrants and refugees moving to regional areas than ever before, On Track Together is a great way to be empowered to better serve your community.

How much will it cost?

There is a \$250 application fee to join On Track Together. Overseas travel, living and team costs vary based on length of time and location. As part of the journey, we will help you to fundraise to cover costs for your time overseas.

Why Intercultural study?

Intercultural study is designed to help you gain a framework for understanding your friends from other cultures and the experiences you have living and working overseas.

At the end of On Track Together, many participants will be discerning what God is leading them to next. A formal qualification in Intercultural studies, together with practical experience will help give you recognition for further ministry or help as you apply for work opportunities requiring intercultural understanding.



I have studied at Bible college already. Can I combine my study?

Yes. Tabor's Intercultural program is fully accredited so credit transfer from other educational providers is possible. Recognition of Prior Learning can be applied for directly with Tabor.

Can I work while I learn?

Yes. It is possible to carry on with your career and work while participating in On Track Together. You can vary your study load to suit your situation, starting with one subject part-time.

Are On Track Together participants eligible for Austudy or Youth allowance?

Claiming Austudy (25 years and above) or Youth Allowance (under 25) may be possible for some people.

Tabor's Intercultural Studies program is an approved course. You will need to study at a minimum load of 3 subjects per semester in order to meet the requirement for full-time student status. You will also be required to meet residency, income and assets tests.

Find out more

Austudy: humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/austudy

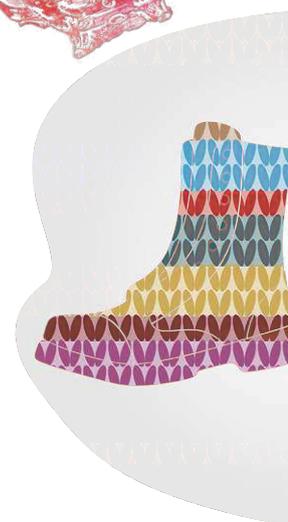
Youth Allowance: humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/youth-allowance

Will Interserve help me find ways to get to know migrants and refugees in Australia?

Yes. When you join On Track Together we will help you look for opportunities to grow intercultural skills in your town or city. You might help out at a migrant English class, or a multi-cultural playgroup, visit a local mosque or temple, or actively build community with your new neighbours from another country.

Why 6 or 12 months overseas?

We believe that living overseas for 6-12 months gives you the chance to immerse yourself in your host culture. You can learn the language, get to know local colleagues, and get past the 'tourist' first month or two and begin to understand the local social context more fully. You will go through the ups and downs of culture shock and culture stress. While similar programs may spend just 1-3 months living across cultures, 6-12 months allows you to make a contribution in the partner organisation you're placed with that can never be achieved in a shorter time frame. This experience of 6-12 months overseas and the associated reflection and learning will count towards credit for your Tabor Diploma.





Is it dangerous?

Fear is normal. Anytime we do something that is unfamiliar, it can cause us or those around us some anxiety. Interserve takes safety and security seriously. We know that the world can sometimes be a scary place, but with good policies, training and experienced people on our teams we seek to reduce risks and live in ways that help us stay for the long term.

What will I be doing in my time overseas?

We believe your skills and professional background are God-given and can be used by Him to further His mission in the world. We will work with you to find a good fit. You will contribute to real work situations, making a difference for those at the margins of communities in Asia and the Arab world. There will always be language and cultural understanding limitations in a 6 or 12-month placement, but each On Track Together participant will make a contribution to the big picture of what God is doing in the world.

Still have more questions?

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