



Application Form

Applicants should refer to the ALA Scholarships Handbook for all terms and conditions of the award. The ALA Scholarships Handbook can be obtained online at http://www.aisaid.gov.au/scholar/pdf/ala_handbook.pdf or requested from the local Australian High Commission/Embassy or managing contractor.

Background

AusAID scholarship awards seek to develop capacity of individuals and their workplaces to contribute to:

1. Long-term development, stability and security of Australia's partner countries
2. Establishment and maintenance of mutually beneficial linkages between partner countries and Australia, as well as within regional networks.

The Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Scholarships program aims to develop leadership and linkages. They are offered to high achievers from the region to undertake postgraduate study (Masters or Doctorate) and a Leadership Development Program in Australia.

The Scholarships are intended for those who are already leaders, or have the potential to assume leadership roles, that can influence social and economic policy reform and development outcomes, both in their own countries and in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Australian Government values the contribution and perspectives of all groups, including vulnerable groups such as women, people with disability, ethnic minorities, rural populations, the socio-economically disadvantaged, etc. Any constraints to their participation will be taken into account in the selection process to ensure equity.

Fields of Study

ALA Scholarships target those whose chosen field of study equips them to play a significant role in addressing, researching or combating regional development issues. Our priority areas are disability, economic growth, education, environment, food security, gender, governance, health, human rights, infrastructure, regional stability, rural development and water & sanitation.

Participating Higher Education Institutions

ALA Scholarships applicants may approach any of the institutions listed in the ALA Scholarships Handbook and the AusAID website: http://www.aisaid.gov.au/scholar/ala_institutions.cfm.

Eligibility

ALA Scholarships applicants must meet basic eligibility criteria. Refer to the ALA Scholarships Handbook for details.

ALA Scholarships are offered to citizens of selected countries in the Asia-Pacific region who have not applied for permanent residency or citizenship in Australia or New Zealand but who wish to undertake postgraduate study in Australia to further their goals as current or future leaders in the region. Applicants must be residing in a country other than Australia and apply from outside Australia.

Offers will not be made to people seeking to migrate to Australia.

If you answer 'No' to any of the following questions, you should not proceed with this application.

- > Are you a citizen of one of the listed ALA-eligible Asia-Pacific countries?
- > Do you reside in a country other than Australia?
- > Are you submitting this application from a country other than Australia?
- > Have you completed a university-level qualification that is at least equivalent in standard to an Australian Bachelors degree?
- > Do you have English Language Proficiency equivalent to IELTS 6.5, tested within the past two years?
- > Do you have an **unconditional Letter of Offer for enrolment** at an eligible Australian higher education institution for full-time study commencing in the academic year following selection?

In addition to the above you must not have held a scholarship to study outside your home country in the preceding 24 months calculated from the date of arrival back in your home country to the closing date for receipt of ALA Scholarship applications 30 June 2010.

Selection

Selection is undertaken competitively across the region, with Australian overseas Posts (Embassies, High Commissions) playing a leading role in managing the application and short-listing processes. Final selections are made in Canberra. The selection process will take into account gender equality and regional representation as well as the applicant's leadership potential and academic ability.

Terms and Conditions of ALA Scholarship

The ALA Scholarships Handbook is the main reference document for AusAID, institutions and ALA Scholars. The Handbook sets out the terms and conditions of the award and ALA Scholarships management processes from application, selection and enrolment at an Australian higher education institution, in-Australia processes through to award completion. The ALA Scholarships Handbook can be found on the AusAID website:

<http://www.aisaid.gov.au/scholar/publications.cfm>. It may be revised and updated by AusAID at any time without notice.

How to Apply

There are **two** (2) options for submitting an application - online and by mail.

Option 1: Apply online

The preferred application method is by using the ALA Scholarship online application form which can be accessed at <https://oasis.aisaid.gov.au>. If you prefer, you may submit some of your supporting documentation by mail. However, your university offer letter and your English language proficiency test results must be uploaded with your online application.

Option 2: Apply by hardcopy

If you have difficulty gaining access to the internet, you may apply by hardcopy. You should prepare a hard copy application and submit it with all your supporting documentation to the appropriate Australian High Commission, Embassy or the Managing Contractor that has been nominated to review applications from your country of citizenship (refer to the ALA Scholarships Handbook for contact details).

Hard copy application forms can be:

- > downloaded from the online application form after you have completed the eligibility screen; or
- > obtained from the appropriate Australian High Commission, Embassy or Managing Contractor if you do not have access to the Internet.

Please note that any **incomplete applications** (including applications with supporting documentation missing) will not be considered.

The closing date for receipt of all applications and supporting documentation is **30 JUNE**, whether submitted online or by hardcopy.

Application Form Instructions

If you require additional space to provide information, please provide or attach the information at the end of the application, clearly identifying the relevant section.

Do not exceed the maximum character limits on any question. Applicants should note that AusAID officers key the information from the hardcopy applications into the online application system, which has strict word/character limits. Therefore, where a word or character limit exists, applicants need to answer those questions concisely. **Words/characters over this limit will not be considered.**

1. Personal details					
Provide supporting documentary evidence of your full name, date of birth, gender and country of citizenship. For example, the identification page of your passport or other official identification document issued by your country of citizenship.					
Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	Please specify			
Family name				Enter your family name and other names as shown in your passport or other official identification document issued by your country of citizenship. If you do not have a separate Family Name and Given Name, enter your one name in both fields.	
Given names					
Date of birth	/ /	dd/mm/yyyy	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
Country of citizenship				Applicants must be a citizen of one of the eligible participating countries.	
Do you have dual citizenship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Note: If you are a citizen of Cook Islands, Niue or Tokelau and are entitled to hold a New Zealand passport, please do not list New Zealand as your first or second country of Citizenship.	
2nd country of citizenship					
Passport no.				Provide if you have a passport.	

2. Contact Details (Your current residential address)			
Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Address line 3			
Town/City			
State/Province			Postal code (if any)
Country	Please check that your contact details are correct. If you cannot be contacted, your application will not proceed.		
Home phone no.		Work phone no.	
Mobile no.		Fax no. (if any)	
Email 1			
Mailing address (Provide details only if they are different from your current residential address.)			
Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Address line 3			
Town/City			
State/Province			Postal code (if any)
Country			

3. Spouse details				
<p>If you have dependants (spouse and/or children under 18 years of age), provide their details even if they will not accompany you to Australia. Please note that the scholarship does not provide financial support for accompanying dependants. Your spouse is the person you are married to, or in a de facto relationship with. A de facto relationship applies if you have been living with a person of the opposite sex for at least 12 months, and you have a genuine and exclusive relationship with them. Information regarding your responsibilities for your spouse and any dependant children should they live with you in Australia during your scholarship can be obtained from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship http://www.immi.gov.au/ or by contacting the institution to which you have applied.</p>				
Family name				Provide family name and other names as shown in your spouse's passport or other official identification document
Given names				
Date of birth	/ /	dd/mm/yyyy	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Passport no.				Provide if spouse has a passport.
Country of citizenship				
Will your spouse accompany you to Australia?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. Children Details (attach a separate list if there is not enough space)				
Child 1 Will this child accompany you to Australia? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Family name				
Given names				
Date of birth	/ /	dd/mm/yyyy	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Country of citizenship				
Passport no.				Provide if child has a passport.
Child 2 Will this child accompany you to Australia? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Family name				
Given names				
Date of birth	/ /	dd/mm/yyyy	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Country of citizenship				
Passport no.				Provide if child has a passport.
Child 3 Will this child accompany you to Australia? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Family name				
Given names				
Date of birth	/ /	dd/mm/yyyy	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Country of citizenship				
Passport no.				Provide if child has a passport.

5. Academic background

Major field of previous study and any academic specialisations. Please provide a brief description of your area of expertise and field of study. A list of qualifications is not required here. (Maximum of 500 characters, approximately 100 words. Anything over this limit will not be considered.)

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6. Qualifications

Tertiary academic qualifications: To be eligible for an ALA Scholarship you must have completed a university level qualification which is at least equivalent in standard to an Australian Bachelors degree. List by level of study, starting with highest. If you are currently undertaking study, please indicate when you expect to graduate.

Qualification name				
Name of institution				
Country				
Language of instruction				
Status (complete/incomplete)		Start Date		Graduation date
Qualification name				
Name of institution				
Country				
Language of instruction				
Status (complete/incomplete)		Start Date		Graduation date
Qualification name				
Name of institution				
Country				
Language of instruction				
Status (complete/incomplete)		Start Date		Graduation date

7. Previous Scholarships

Have you previously been awarded a scholarship or a fellowship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Only include details of post-secondary school scholarships or fellowships. 'Award Title' field refers to the name of the scholarship/fellowship received. If the scholarship/fellowship did not lead to a formal qualification being granted, enter 'Not Applicable' in the Qualification field.

Award title			
Start date		End date	
Qualification			
Institution			
Country			
Award title			
Start date		End date	
Qualification			
Institution			
Country			
Award title			
Start date		End date	
Qualification			
Institution			
Country			

8. Prizes, awards and/or professional honours

Only list relevant post-secondary school prizes or awards that were not included in the record of 'Previous Scholarships'. This might include professional or community awards.

Award title			
Year			
Awarding organisation			
Award title			
Year			
Awarding organisation			
Award title			
Year			
Awarding organisation			

9. Publications	
Only include relevant academic, professional articles, chapters or books that you have co-authored or authored, and where you have had these published . Include author(s) Name(s), Initials, Title of publication (or 'title of article', title of journal, vol., no.), publisher, year of publication.	
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10. Current Scholarship Applications		
Have you applied for other scholarships to study in Australia?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'Yes', please specify (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)		
Only include applications for scholarships for the same study period as this application. Applying for more than one scholarship does not make you ineligible to apply for an ALA Scholarship.		

11. Employment Current Positions		
Current employment may include work experience and voluntary work. Please enter 'Not Applicable' in the 'Position Title' if you are not currently employed.		
Position title		
Date commenced	/ /	
Organisation		
Current duties and responsibilities (max 1000 characters, approx 200 words limit)		
Will you be returning to this position after your scholarship studies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'No', what type of employment do you hope to gain upon returning home? (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)		

12. Employment Previous Positions

Only provide previous positions of employment that are **relevant** to your application. Employment history may include work experience and voluntary work.

Previous position 1

Position title			
Start date	/ /	End date	/ /
Organisation			
Duties/responsibilities (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)			

Previous position 2

Position title			
Start date	/ /	End date	/ /
Organisation			
Duties/responsibilities (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)			

Previous position 3

Position title			
Start date	/ /	End date	/ /
Organisation			
Duties/responsibilities (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)			

13. Proposed full-time study program

Applicants for ALA Scholarships must provide evidence of an unconditional offer for enrolment in an appropriate course at an eligible Australian institution for full-time study commencing in Australia in the academic year following selection.

Applicants must also provide evidence of a minimum English language proficiency of:

- > an IELTS academic test with an overall score of at least 6.5 and no individual band less than 6; or
- > a TOEFL paper-based test score of at least 580; or
- > a TOEFL computer-based test score of at least 237; or
- > a TOEFL Internet-based score of at least 92.

Your English test results must have been gained no more than two years prior to submitting this application.

The **CRICOS code**, **expected course length** and **minimum IELTS level** of your course can be found on your unconditional Letter of Offer for enrolment, or by referring to the CRICOS Website <http://cricos.deewr.gov.au/>. Further information on **priority themes** can be found on the AusAID Website www.ausaid.gov.au. The selection panel will give preference to priority themes. Please select a theme if your field of study fits within the themes listed below. Otherwise leave blank.

Institution					
Type of study	<input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate			
Course title					
CRICOS number					
Field of study	please select from list at section 19				
Normal number of semesters in course	<input type="checkbox"/> Two	<input type="checkbox"/> Three	<input type="checkbox"/> Four	<input type="checkbox"/> Five	<input type="checkbox"/> Six
	<input type="checkbox"/> Seven	<input type="checkbox"/> Eight	If the course length is given to you in trimesters (three study periods per year), you will need to convert this value to semesters. 1 trimester = 0.66 semesters.		
Mode of study	<input type="checkbox"/> Coursework	<input type="checkbox"/> Research	<input type="checkbox"/> Coursework & research		
Minimum English language (IELTS) proficiency required for course					
Are your proposed studies in a priority study theme?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No			
If 'Yes', indicate the theme most relevant to your proposed studies.	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Economic growth <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Food Security <input type="checkbox"/> Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Governance			<input type="checkbox"/> Health <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Stability <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Development <input type="checkbox"/> Water & Sanitation	
Describe the relevance of your study programme to this study theme (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit).					

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Describe your proposed major studies (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit).

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Describe how your studies in Australia will benefit you, your profession/industry, your field of study and your community/country when you return home (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit).

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14. Research proposal details

Applicants proposing to undertake studies by Research or Combined Research and Coursework (eg Doctorate or Masters by Research) should complete this section of the form. Other applicants should proceed to section 15. Answers should be concise but sufficient to explain the nature of your research proposal to the selection panel. **Please note word limits, anything over this limit will not be considered.**

Research title	
Objectives (max 1000 characters, approx 200 words limit)	
Significance and possible application of your proposed research to your country's development (max 1000 characters, approx 200 words limit)	
Proposed research method (max 1000 characters, approx 200 words limit)	
Fieldwork details (if any) (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)	
Proposed supervisor (if known)	
Schedule of work	
Year 1 (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)	
Year 2 (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)	
Year 3 (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)	
Year 4 (max 500 characters, approx 100 words limit)	

15. Leadership

To be awarded an ALA scholarship, you must demonstrate leadership qualities and potential for future leadership. In **no more than 2500 characters, approximately 500 words**, outline:

- > What are the attributes you consider to be essential to being a leader?
- > How have you demonstrated these attributes in your career and/or personal life?
- > How will granting you a scholarship for study in Australia benefit development in your country of citizenship?
- > What are your goals for the future and what do you hope to be doing in 10 years time?

Note: Your leadership qualities and your potential to take up a position of leadership are considered as part of the selection process. Your response should illustrate how you have already demonstrated leadership as well as your potential for leadership in the future. Short-listed applicants may be invited to attend an interview where they will have an opportunity to expand on their answers. **Please keep your answers concise and within the 2500 character/500 word limit.**

16. Professional Memberships

Provide details of current or past membership in relevant professional associations or other voluntary organisations. Indicate any official positions of leadership you hold or have held in each association or organisation. The associations and organisations of special interest include community, cultural, political, scientific, professional and/or educational.

Organisation 1	Name			
	Highest position held			
	Start date	/ /	End date	/ /
Organisation 2	Name			
	Highest position held			
	Start date	/ /	End date	/ /
Organisation 3	Name			
	Highest position held			
	Start date	/ /	End date	/ /

17. Checklist of documentary evidence

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required supporting documents are provided with their application. Use the following checklist to verify that you have all of the required supporting documents to send with your application.

All supporting documents should be sent in the same package as your application form.

1. Proof of identity and citizenship: certified copy of birth certificate, passport personal information pages or other official document in original language.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the original proof of identity and citizenship documentation is in a language other than English, please provide English translations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Unconditional Letter of Enrolment from an eligible Australian higher education institution for commencement of studies in the following year.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Certified copy of English test results taken no more than two years prior to this application.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Certified copy of degree certificate(s) in original language.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the original degree certificate is in a language other than English, please provide English translations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Certified copy of official university transcript(s) of results in original language.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the original transcript of results is in a language other than English, please provide English translations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Certified copy of evidence of academic prizes, awards and/or professional honours.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the original documents are in a language other than English, please provide English translations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Three referee reports	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referee name	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referee name	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referee name	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Communication

Where did you first learn of the Australian Leadership Awards?

AusAID scholarship recipient		Friend or relative	
AusAID website		Home University (please specify)	
Australian Education Centre (please specify location)		Newspaper (please specify)	
Australian Embassy or High Commission (please specify location)		Other publication (please specify)	
Australian Scholarships website		Other (please specify)	
Australian university (please specify)		Workplace (please specify)	

19. Field of study list

For section 12 'Field of study', please select from the following list.

- > Architecture, Urban Environment and Building
- > Commerce, Management, Tourism and Services
- > Economics
- > Education
- > Engineering and Technology
- > History and Archaeology
- > Information, Computing and Communication
- > Journalism, Librarianship and Curatorial Studies
- > Language and Culture
- > Law, Justice and Law Enforcement
- > Philosophy and Religion
- > Policy and Political Science
- > Science – Agricultural, Veterinary and Environmental
- > Science – Behavioural and Cognitive
- > Science – Biological
- > Science – Chemical
- > Science – Earth
- > Science – General
- > Science – Mathematical
- > Science – Medical and Health
- > Science – Physical
- > Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts—General
- > Studies in Human Society
- > The Arts

20. Applicant's authorisation, agreement, declaration and signature

AusAID is authorised to collect all items of information in this form under the Australian Government's scholarships programme entitled Australian scholarships, which includes Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships/Fellowships and Australian Development Scholarships, and is bound by the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

Authorisation

I authorise AusAID, or its appointed managing contractor, to obtain copies of any of my relevant academic records/reports from the education institution(s) that I have attended for purposes relating to my application for an Australian scholarship including:

- > For use in the selection process for an Australian scholarship;
- > To monitor my academic performance at my host education institution if I am awarded an Australian scholarship; and
- > To brief relevant Australian officials, Ministers and Members of Parliament.

Should I receive an Australian Leadership Awards Scholarship, I consent to the Australian Government using and disclosing extracts of my application (relating to my academic background and achievements, leadership skills and my proposed study programme in Australia) in promotional material or in relation to other scholarship development activities. Material may be in hard copy or electronic format and include, but is not limited to, media releases, Australian Government briefings, and information circulated to AusAID staff (in Australia and offshore), partner organisations and Australian education institutions, concerning the Australian scholarships program.

I authorise any Australian education institution that makes me an offer to enrol at that institution to provide to AusAID details of that offer if requested to do so by AusAID.

I authorise AusAID to advise other Australian Government departments participating in the Australian scholarships programme of my scholarship application.

Understanding

I understand and confirm that:

- > I have read and complied with the instructions to applicants and the contents of my application are true and correct;
- > AusAID has the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding an Australian scholarship made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information; and
- > Decisions of the selection panel are final and confidential and no correspondence regarding outcomes of the selection process will be entered into.

Agreement

If successful in gaining an Australian scholarship, I agree that I will:

- > Immediately provide AusAID with details of any incident that may reflect badly on the prestige of an Australian Scholarship;
- > Act in a manner befitting a recipient of an Australian scholarship;
- > Use the funds for the purposes granted; and
- > Acknowledge the assistance given by the Australian Government in any written reports, publications or publicity associated with the award.

Declaration and acknowledgement

I declare in submitting this application form that the information contained in it and provided in connection with this application is true and correct. **I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* of the Commonwealth of Australia.**

Name (title, given names, family name)	Signature	Date
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