



An Australian Government Initiative



Australian Scholarships

THE PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE

Australian Leadership Award – Fellowships

Australian Scholarships is an initiative of the Australian Government to promote sustainable development and excellence in education in the Asia-Pacific region. Over five years the number of education awards offered for the Asia-Pacific region will double to 19,000.

The Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) is a regional programme within the *Australian Scholarships* initiative. ALA aims to develop leadership, build partnerships and linkages within the Asia-Pacific and address priority regional issues. The ALA programme is comprised of Scholarships and Fellowships. Award recipients are drawn from the public, private and community sectors within countries with which Australia has a significant aid programme.

ALA Fellowships are for short-term study, research, and professional attachment programmes in Australia delivered by Australian organisations.

ALA Fellowships complement the longer term ALA Scholarships providing opportunities to senior officials who cannot leave their positions for extended periods. ALA Fellowships is a highly flexible programme offering professional development opportunities to current and future leaders from the Asia-Pacific region by leveraging existing linkages between Australia and countries in the region.

ALA Fellowships are available across a broad range of fields relevant to Australia's foreign policy agenda or development outcomes within the Asia-Pacific region.

Applications relating to the following priority regional themes of international trade, pandemics, security and climate change (including clean energy) are encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY

Applications are restricted to Australian organisations demonstrating on-going linkages with counterpart overseas organisations in eligible countries (see the table on the next page).

Partner country counterpart organisations and individual fellows are not eligible to apply for support however they may initiate contact with an Australian organisation to explore their interest in applying for fellowship funding.

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Australian organisations must be legal entities with an Australian Business Number (ABN). Examples include Australian Government departments and Australian business, industry associations, community groups and NGO's.

The following are ALA Fellowships eligible countries:

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| • Afghanistan | • Kiribati | • Samoa |
| • Bangladesh | • Laos | • Solomon Islands |
| • Bhutan | • Maldives | • Sri Lanka |
| • Cambodia | • Marshall Islands | • Thailand |
| • China (excluding Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR) | • Mongolia | • Timor-Leste |
| • Cook Islands | • Nauru | • Tokelau |
| • Federated States of Micronesia | • Nepal | • Tonga |
| • Fiji | • Niue | • Tuvalu |
| • India | • Pakistan | • Vanuatu |
| • Indonesia | • Palau | • Viet Nam |
| • Iraq | • Papua New Guinea | • Wallis & Futuna |
| | • Philippines | |

Australian organisations must ensure that all Fellows nominated meet the following general eligibility requirements.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF FELLOWS

- Be a citizen of, and are residing in, an ALA eligible country.
- Have been working in their country of citizenship for four years immediately preceding the date of their nomination.
- Be able to take up the nominated Fellowship Programme at the time and for the duration proposed by the Australian organisation.

VALUE

A maximum of \$35,000 per fellow is available which can include:

- Return economy airfare
- Accommodation and living expenses
- Medical insurance costs when in Australia
- In-Australia transport in respect of approved activities
- Short course costs
- Programme Overhead Fee

APPLICATION PROCESS

ALA Fellowships will be awarded twice yearly through a competitive selection process held in Canberra. Selection is based on strength of existing linkages of Australian organisations and the leadership ability of fellows. Application forms can be downloaded from the *Australian Scholarships* website.

MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the AusAID website:
www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar