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## Australian Leadership Awards – Fellowships

The Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) is a regional program within the Australian Scholarships initiative. The program aims to develop leadership, build partnerships and linkages with developing countries, and address priority regional issues. The ALA program is comprised of Scholarships and Fellowships.

Through the ALA Fellowships Program, Australian organisations can apply for funding to support a range of activities that will develop expertise and leadership capacity in eligible countries.

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

Australian organisations have the opportunity to build and strengthen links with organisations in developing countries by working with them to offer professional development opportunities in Australia to senior officials and mid-career professionals.

ALA Fellowships are available across a broad range of fields relevant to Australia's foreign policy agenda or development issues.

Applications relating to the AusAID priority areas of disability and development, economic growth, education, environment, food security, gender, governance, health, human rights, infrastructure, regional stability, rural development and water and sanitation are particularly encouraged.

### ELIGIBILITY

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

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.

Australian organisations must be legal entities with an Australian Business Number. Examples of eligible organisations include Australian Government departments and Australian businesses, industry associations, community groups, education providers and NGOs.

### VALUE

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

- Return economy airfare from/to home country's international hub
- In-Australia transport in respect of approved activities
- Short course/tuition/training course costs
- Accommodation and living expenses
- Medical insurance costs when in Australia
- Special assistance/assistive devices (to support people with disability)
- Program Overhead Fee

**The following are ALA Fellowships eligible countries:**

**Asia Pacific:**

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

**Latin America and Caribbean:**

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Dominican Republic
- Dominica
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

Applications relating to the **Palestinian Territories** are also eligible.

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

**GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF FELLOWS**

- Be a citizen of, and residing in, an 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 Program at the time and for the duration proposed by the Australian organisation.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

ALA Fellowships are awarded twice yearly through a competitive selection process. Important criteria are the strength of existing linkages between Australian organisations and their counterparts and the leadership ability of fellows. Application forms can be downloaded from the AusAID website.

**MORE INFORMATION**

Please visit the AusAID website:  
[www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/alafellow.cfm](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/alafellow.cfm)