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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.

Australian Scholarships will provide educational, research and professional development opportunities to support growth in the Asia-Pacific region and to build enduring links at the individual, institutional and country levels.

Australian Scholarships demonstrates the high value the Australian Government places on building lasting relationships with countries in the region. The initiative continues the spirit of the Colombo Plan which greatly enhanced common purpose and mutual understanding in the Asia-Pacific region.

International education, both for Australians and regional participants, provides opportunities to establish networks and institutional links, while addressing regional skills shortages and contributing to regional research efforts. The awards also allow Australia to demonstrate the high quality of education it provides for international students.

Australian Scholarships is a whole-of-government approach to education cooperation between Australia and the countries of the Asia-Pacific region. The

initiative brings under one umbrella three Australian Government education award programmes managed by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the Department of Education Science and Training (DEST):

- **Australian Development Scholarships (ADS)** strengthens human resource capacity in Australia's partner countries to contribute to long-term development needs and promote greater stability (AusAID).
- **Australian Leadership Awards (ALA)**, a regional programme, aims to develop leadership, build partnerships and links, and address priority issues in the Asia-Pacific region (AusAID).
- **Endeavour Programme** focuses on strengthening education linkages, skills and knowledge throughout the region, while showcasing Australia's excellence in education, science and training (DEST).

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The *Australian Scholarships* initiative will support ongoing links with past awardees to encourage and strengthen enduring personal links throughout the region. This will enable the benefits of *Australian Scholarships* to be sustained over time.

Each award programme has different priorities, application and selection processes, and provisions for the allocation of awards to individuals and countries. Individual Fact Sheets provide details on each programme within the *Australian Scholarships* initiative.

Programme	Indicative number of awards
Australian Development Scholarships ¹	6,100
Australian Leadership Awards ²	3,200
Endeavour Programme ²	9,700
Total	19,000

(1) Includes Australian Partnership Scholarships (APS) funded under the Australia-Indonesia Programme for Reconstruction and Development (AIPRD).

(2) Includes the November 2005 announcement of 500 Scholarships for Pakistan.

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Australian Development Scholarships

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The Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) is a bilateral programme within the *Australian Scholarships* initiative. ADS aims to contribute to the long-term development needs of Australia's partner countries to promote growth and stability. ADS is a well-established scholarships programme for people from developing countries to undertake full-time undergraduate or postgraduate study in Australia.

Up to 1,000 ADS are awarded each year across 31 countries, with scholarships awarded equally to men and women applicants. Fields of study are targeted to address agreed priority human resource and development needs of recipient countries, in line with Australia's bilateral aid programme. Undergraduate and postgraduate study can be undertaken at the participating Australian higher education institutions and technical colleges.

ADS equips scholars with the skills and knowledge to drive change and influence the development outcomes of their own countries. Scholars are

required to return to their home country for two years after they have completed their studies.

ELIGIBILITY

ADS are for those who meet all of the following general eligibility requirements, plus the specific requirements for each country. Country specific information is available through the relevant Australian Embassy / High Commission or their website.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a citizen of an **ADS eligible country** (see table).
- Not hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent resident status (unless applying as a citizen of the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau).
- Not married to/or defacto of, or engaged to, a person who holds or is eligible to hold an

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Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent resident status.

- Not hold or have held an Australian Government funded scholarship in the preceding 12 months at the time of application.
- Satisfy any specific criteria established by the applicant's country and/or government of citizenship.
- Satisfy the admission requirements of the Institution at which the ADS is to be undertaken.
- Satisfy all requirements of the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

The following are ADS eligible countries:

• Bangladesh	• Kiribati	• Samoa
• Bhutan	• Laos	• Solomon Islands
• Cambodia	• Maldives	• Sri Lanka
• China (excluding Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR)	• Mongolia	• Timor-Leste
• Fiji	• Pakistan	• Tonga
• Indonesia	• Papua New Guinea	• Tuvalu
	• Philippines	• Vanuatu
	• Regional Africa	• Vietnam

VALUE

An Australian Development Scholarship is offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic programme specified by the Australian education institution, including any preparatory training. The following benefits generally apply:

- Return air travel
- Contribution towards initial visa expenses
- Establishment allowance
- Full tuition fees
- Contribution to living expenses
- Introductory Academic Programme (IAP)
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of the award (for award holder only)
- Pre-course English Fees
- Supplementary Academic Support (Tutorial Assistance)
- Fieldwork (for research student only)

APPLICATION PROCESS

There is usually one annual selection round in each country. Recipients are typically selected by a joint committee consisting of Partner Government and AusAID representatives. Application forms can be sought from the Australian High Commission/Embassy in each eligible country.

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Australian Leadership Award – Scholarships

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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 Scholarships are academically prestigious awards offered to high achievers from the Asia-Pacific region each year to undertake postgraduate study (Masters or Doctorate) and a leadership development programme in Australia.

Awards are open to all fields of study, although study programmes relating to the priority themes of shared regional interest – international trade, pandemics, security and climate change (including clean energy) – are encouraged. Postgraduate study may be undertaken at participating Australian higher education institutions.

The ALA Scholarships programme is an investment in the future of the Asia-Pacific region, training leaders who will advance reform, development and governance in the Asia-Pacific region. ALA scholars are expected to return to their home country or the region after they have completed their studies and will have the opportunity to participate in a post award programme.

ELIGIBILITY

ALA Scholarships are for those who currently hold, or have the potential to assume, leadership roles and can influence social and economic policy reform and development outcomes in their own countries and in the region. Applicants must meet all of the following general eligibility requirements.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Have academic achievement at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level.

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- Have English language proficiency (subject to university entry requirements and above an IELTS 6.5 or equivalent).
- Provide an unconditional offer of a place at an Australian higher education institution with their ALA Scholarship application.
- Be a citizen of an ALA eligible country (see table below).
- Reside in a country other than Australia.
- Not hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent resident status (unless applying as a citizen of the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau).
- Not married to/or defacto of, or engaged to, a person who holds or is eligible to hold an Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent resident status.

The following are ALA Scholarship eligible countries:

• 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	

* Pakistani applicants should contact the Australian High Commission in Islamabad for information about these awards.

VALUE

An ALA Scholarship can be valued up to A\$130,000 for Masters degrees and A\$250,000 for Doctorate programmes, with additional value included in the Leadership Development Programme. Benefits include:

- Return air travel
- Contribution towards initial visa expenses
- Establishment allowance
- Full tuition fees
- Contribution to living expenses
- Introductory Academic Programme (IAP)
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of the award (for award holder only)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are considered annually on a competitive basis. Selection is based on leadership and academic merit. Australian High Commissions/Embassies consider applications and recommend short-listed candidates to a final regional selection committee in Canberra.

Applications can be submitted either:

1. Online via the ALA Scholarship online application on the *Australian Scholarships* website www.australianscholarships.gov.au *or*
2. By mail to the appropriate Australian High Commission/Embassy.

Application forms can be downloaded from the *Australian Scholarships* website or sought from the Australian High Commission/Embassy in each eligible country.

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Australian Leadership Award – Fellowships

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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:

• 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.

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Endeavour Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Awards

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The Endeavour Programme is part of the *Australian Scholarships* initiative. Through the Endeavour Programme, the Australian Government supports excellence in international study, research and professional development. The Endeavour Programme selects high achievers in their respective fields through international merit-based competition.

The Endeavour Programme aims to strengthen education linkages between Australia and the region by bringing leading researchers, professionals and students from around the region to Australia for study, research or professional development in a broad range of disciplines and enables Australians to do the same abroad.

The **Endeavour Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Awards** provide a range of opportunities for high achieving students, researchers and fellows to undertake study and research collaboration in the Asia-Pacific region. These awards support access to new knowledge, build research networks and help address regional skills needs. Awards are open to all fields of study. Selection is based on merit and is highly competitive.

The **Endeavour Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Awards** include:

Endeavour Postgraduate Awards: enable international students to undertake a Masters or PhD qualification either by coursework or research in Australia. Awards are valued at up to A\$160,000, with a maximum duration of three years.

Endeavour Research Fellowships: enable postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from participating countries to undertake research in Australia; and for Australians to do the same in participating countries. Awards are valued at up to A\$25,000, for a duration of four to six months.

Endeavour Malaysia Awards: enable postgraduate students from Malaysia to undertake either a Masters or PhD degree in Australia or research in Australia towards a higher degree in Malaysia; and for Australians to undertake either a Masters or PhD degree in Malaysia or research in Malaysia towards a higher degree in Australia. Awards are valued at up to A\$50,000, with a maximum duration of 12 months.

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Endeavour Awards for Turkey: enable postgraduate students from Turkey to undertake either a Masters or PhD degree in Australia or research in Australia towards a higher degree in Turkey; and for Australians to undertake either a Masters or PhD degree in Turkey or research in Turkey towards a higher degree in Australia. Awards are valued at up to A\$50,000, with a maximum duration of 12 months.

Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowships: enable postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from participating Asia-Pacific countries to undertake research in Australia; and enable Australians to do the same in participating Asia-Pacific countries. Awards are valued at up to A\$25,000, for a duration of four to six months.

Endeavour Research Fellowships for Indigenous Australians: enable Indigenous Australian postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows to undertake research in participating Asia-Pacific countries. Awards are valued at up to A\$25,000, for a duration of four to six months.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be physically resident in their country of citizenship, or country in which they hold Permanent Residency status;
- Demonstrate a high level of English language proficiency;
- Have a record of high-level academic achievement in their field of study;
- Arrange their own placement at a host institution.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The selection of Endeavour Award recipients follows a competitive and merit-based process, with eligible applications being assessed by panels of academics and professionals in Australia. Applications can be made online or application forms can be downloaded from the Endeavour Programme website.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Endeavour Programme, including application opening and closing dates, eligibility requirements and selection criteria, visit www.endeavour.dest.gov.au.



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Endeavour Vocational Education and Training Awards

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The Endeavour Programme aims to strengthen education linkages between Australia and the region by bringing high achieving students, researchers and professionals from around the world to Australia for study, research or professional development in a broad range of disciplines and enables Australians to do the same abroad.

The **Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Awards** enable students from eligible countries in the Asia-Pacific region to undertake vocational education and training at a Diploma or Advanced Diploma level at an Australian institution (public and private providers).

The Endeavour VET Awards address regional skills shortages and showcase Australia's VET system. These awards will provide formal qualifications for new and existing workers and will provide the opportunity for participants to learn new technologies and methods of working. Awards are open to all fields of vocational study.

VALUE

Endeavour VET Awards are valued at up to A\$95,000, including English language training where required, for a duration of up to 2.5 years.

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ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be physically resident in their country of citizenship, or country in which they hold Permanent Residency status;
- Have completed the equivalent of an Australian Senior School Certificate of Education (Year 12);
- Demonstrate an appropriate level of English language proficiency;
- Be nominated by their home or host institution;
- Arrange their placement at a host institution.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The selection of Endeavour Award recipients follows a competitive and merit-based process, with eligible applications being assessed by panels of academics and professionals in Australia. Applications can be made online or application forms can be downloaded from the Endeavour Programme website.

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Endeavour Executive Awards

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The **Endeavour Executive Awards** enable executives in business, industry, education or government to undertake professional development in a related field in an organisation in a participating host country in the Asia-Pacific region.

Award recipients are able to develop or upgrade their professional skills and knowledge through a host work environment, rather than through enrolment in a formal academic study programme.

The awards allow professionals the opportunity, on returning home, to share their updated skills and knowledge with colleagues. They will also establish ongoing linkages and networks between home and host organisations.

The format of the professional development programme will vary with each award recipient and may include work attachments, study tours, workshop participation, attendance at conferences, internships, residencies or guided work programmes and mentoring.

Award recipients usually continue their employment with their home organisation for the duration of the Endeavour Executive Award.

VALUE

Endeavour Executive Awards are valued at up to A\$25,000 for a duration of one to four months. No additional costs related to participation in the professional development programme, such as conference fees or tuition fees, are payable.

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ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be nominated by their home or host organisation;
- Be physically resident in their country of citizenship, or country in which they hold Permanent Residency status;
- Have either an undergraduate degree and at least 5 years relevant work experience; OR at least 10 years relevant work experience;
- Must demonstrate an appropriate level of English language proficiency;
- Must arrange their own placement with a host organisation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The selection of Endeavour Award recipients follows a competitive and merit-based process, with eligible applications being assessed by panels of academics and

professionals in Australia. Applications can be made online or application forms can be downloaded from the Endeavour Programme website.

MORE INFORMATION

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Endeavour Student Exchange Programmes

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The Endeavour Programme is part of the *Australian Scholarships* initiative. Through the Endeavour Programme, the Australian Government is committed to promoting opportunities for more Australians to have an international study experience. The Endeavour Programme provides support for student mobility and staff visits by providing funding annually to Australian higher education providers under Endeavour Student Exchange Programmes.

The aim of the student exchange programmes is to achieve enhanced international understanding through increased co-operation between universities, especially through increased mobility of university students through two-way student exchanges.

The Endeavour Programme includes three student exchange programmes which provide subsidies to Australian providers to enable undergraduate students to incorporate an international education experience into their degree.

The Australian University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific (UMAP) Programme

The Australian UMAP Programme provides funding, through Australian higher education providers, to subsidise Australian students' participation in UMAP student exchanges, and the cost of establishment and monitoring of those exchanges with counterpart higher education providers in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Endeavour Student Exchange Programme

Under the Endeavour Student Exchange Programme, Australian higher education providers receive funding to subsidise undergraduate students' participation (both Australian and international) in eligible student exchanges and to subsidise the cost of establishment and monitoring of those exchanges with registered higher education providers in designated countries.

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The Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Programme

The Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Programme was developed in 2004 as part of a sponsorship agreement between the Australian Government's Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) and the Cheung Kong Group. The Programme funds student mobility subsidies for undergraduate exchange students from eligible Asian countries and administrative regions to come to Australia and a matching number of undergraduate Australian students to study in eligible Asian countries and administrative regions.

Eligible countries include Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Two thirds of subsidies are allocated to China and the Hong Kong SAR.

ELIGIBILITY

Only Australian higher education providers can apply for funding under Endeavour Student Exchange Programmes. Individual students should enquire with the international office at their university regarding participation in these exchanges.

Subsidised students are required to study full-time and for at least one semester and a maximum of two semesters at a counterpart institution under institution-to-institution student exchange arrangements.

Tuition fee waiver and credit transfer are essential eligibility criteria for the institution-to-institution student exchange agreements, which form the basis of these student exchange programmes.

VALUE

Subsidies for Australian higher education providers are as follows:

The Australian UMAP Programme: A\$5000 per exchange student. Staff visits subsidies of A\$1,500 per staff visit will also be available.

The Endeavour Student Exchange Programme: A\$5,000 per exchange student. Staff visits subsidies of A\$1,500 per staff visit will also be available.

The Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Programme: A\$5,000 per exchange student.

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