



Philippines

AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for Intakes Commencing 2010

Country Strategy

The objective of Australia's development cooperation program in the Philippines is to contribute to improving the prospects for economic growth, poverty reduction, and national stability in the Philippines. The program will work towards this objective through assistance in three main areas: economic growth; basic education; and national stability and human security.

Human Resource Development

Since 2004, two Human Resource Development (HRD) programs of Australia in the Philippines, namely, the Short-Term Training Facility and the Australian Development Scholarships (ADS), have been combined and are now managed through the Philippines-Australia Human Resource Development Facility (PAHRDF).

PAHRDF targets key public and private institutions at the national and local levels whose mandates are directly aligned with the objectives of the Australia Philippines Development Assistance Strategy 2007-2011 described above. The criteria for selecting institutions are updated annually to ensure continuing relevance to the changing environment in the Philippines. Consequently, institutions supported through the Facility may change periodically. Engagement with the Facility is by invitation only; hence, requests from institutions for engagement through PAHRDF should be addressed to the Facility Advisory Board composed of representatives of the Governments of the Philippines and Australia.

PAHRDF aims to strengthen the administrative governance capacity of Philippine organisations through customised HR solutions and long-term training (or ADS) programs for nominated staff of these institutions. Training recipients understand that programs are linked to the organisational development of their workplace and that they are expected to effect change in their respective organisations upon completion of their training.

The Facility annually provides up to 80 long-term training slots (i.e. scholarships) at the Post Graduate levels.

Application Process

Applications to ADS program in the Philippines are not sought from individuals and no application will be processed outside the Facility. Long-term training awards are given to selected nominees from institutions involved in the implementation of Australia's development cooperation program in the Philippines. These awards are negotiated with the partner institution by PAHRDF.

Restrictions

The selection process within target institutions is generally focused on mid-career individuals who require technical or managerial skills to support change and development in their organisations.

General eligibility criteria for nominees:

- be a Filipino citizen;
- be in good health;
- be under 45 years of age as of 1 January of each intake year.
- be employed by an institution targeted by PAHRDF, and nominated for an award by that institution.
- have at least two (2) years work experience, either in the private or public sector; For nominees from the public sector, at least two (2) consecutive years; one year of which should be with the current nominating agency;
- be in a position where the technical or managerial skills gained through the recommended study program can be used to effectively contribute to the organizational objectives of the institution;
- hold an undergraduate and/or postgraduate degree to satisfy Australian academic admission requirements, including English proficiency standards;
- submit a re-entry action plan directly related to development issues and consistent with the thrust of the Australia Philippines Development Assistance Strategy 2007-2011;
- not a permanent resident of Australia; and
- not married or engaged to be married to a person who holds or who is eligible to hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence status.
- Other eligibility considerations are as follows:
 - The scholarship is valid for the academic year following the offer of award and cannot be deferred except for justifiable reasons (such as health problems).
 - Awardees are expected to travel to Australia alone, settle into Australia, and complete and pass preliminary academic preparatory programs before being joined by the spouse and dependent children.
 - Awardees should not hold other scholarships that would give overlapping benefits.

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