



Australia Awards

Australia Awards Fellowships

Australia Awards are prestigious, transformational Scholarships, Fellowships and short courses funded by the Australian Government to emerging and established leaders in our partner countries.

About Australia Awards Fellowships

Australia Awards Fellowships aim to build networks of influence and leadership by strengthening partnerships between Australian organisations and partner organisations in the region. Fellowships target senior and mid-career officials and professionals who are in a position to advance development outcomes in priority areas and increase the institutional capacity of partner countries through their leadership.

Through Australia Awards Fellowships, Australian organisations can apply for funding to host and support a range of professional development activities including management and leadership training, peer-to-peer learning, policy dialogue, work attachments, specialised research, seminars and site visits, conference participation, a study tour; program meetings and visits or a combination of these. Fellowships are highly flexible and can vary in length, ranging from two to 52 weeks.

Examples of Fellowships range from specialist training of Timorese doctors in the endoscopy departments at two leading Australian hospitals, to training government officers from Vietnam on coastal and marine conservation and sustainability.

Fellowships Round 20

Australia Awards Fellowships provide short-term opportunities for in-Australia study, research and professional development activities, hosted by Australian organisations – but do not lead to academic qualifications. Application rounds are held through a competitive selection process.

Fellowships Round 20 is currently open from 2 September 2024 to 13 October 2024.

[Details on the application process.](#)

Who Can Apply?

Australian organisations such as government institutions, business and non-government organisations are eligible to apply. Organisations must be legal entities with an Australian Business Number and must be able to demonstrate links with partner organisations in participating countries as well as the capacity to manage and deliver a Fellowships program. Individuals cannot apply.

Priority Areas

Priority is given to applications addressing the following areas:

- Climate change, adaption, resilience, and green energy (including critical mineral mining)
- Gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion
- Health
- Digital Economy, cyber resilience, and media engagement
- Maritime and the Blue Economy
- Infrastructure and connectivity

Eligible countries

Southeast Asia - Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Vietnam

South Asia and Middle East - Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iraq, Jordan, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestinian Territories and Sri Lanka

Pacific - Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna





Africa - Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Caribbean - Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Suriname

Europe – Ukraine

Fellow Eligibility

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

- be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of commencing the Fellowship
- not be a permanent resident or applying for permanent residency in Australia or partner someone who is
- be a citizen of an eligible country
- not be current serving military personnel
- be able to satisfy all requirements of the (DFAT sponsored) student visas subclass 500
- be able to participate in the Fellowship
- be able to travel without family members as DFAT will only fund and provide visa support letters for individual Fellows, not their family members
- Fellows with a disability that requires assistance must travel with a carer.

Fellowship Award

Australian organisations can request funding of up to AUD \$34,500 per Fellow, to a maximum of 15 Fellows per application to cover. Funding can be used to supplement participant costs, including for: (if more Fellows are required this can be considered on a case-by-case basis):

- return air travel and relevant in-Australia travel
- training costs
- accommodation and living expenses
- medical insurance costs when in Australia (for Fellowship participant only)
- special assistance for people with disability
- program overhead fee.

Australian organisations are also required to provide in-kind or financial contributions to support Fellowships.

Alumni Case Study - insights into Short Course Capacity Building – September 2021¹

In surveys conducted by the Australia Awards Global Tracer Facility, Alumni were able to contribute to development, and build capacity within their organisations and countries through:

- Fellowships led to improvements within their organisations - 99.3%
- Fellowships led to improvements within their local communities - 91.1%
- Fellowships contributions to development at a national level - 92.3%
- Fellowships contributions to development at a regional or global level - 82.6%
- Fellowships contributions to building capacity of colleagues - 99%

More Information

For more information on the guidelines including how to apply see [Australia Awards Fellowship Resources](#).

¹ Australia Awards Global Tracer Facility Alumni Case Study – Insights into short course capacity building – September 2021

