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# Outcomes Summary: Latin America Region

This country report details the responses of alumni from the **Latin America Region** to the Australia Awards Global Tracer Facility **Tracer Survey** carried out in 2018-19. The Tracer Survey was conducted between November 2018 and February 2019 and targeted **alumni who completed their award between 2011 and 2016**.

Alumni were asked a range of questions via an online survey, focussed on exploring the long-term outcomes of the Australia Awards. In total 3,768 alumni in this cohort from more than 123 different countries participated in the survey. A 26 per cent response rate of the target cohort was achieved globally. This report focuses on the response data of alumni from the Latin America Region.

For the Latin America Region, there were 416 alumni included in the target population. Responses were received from 153, a **response rate of 37** **per cent**. Among these respondents, 115 were scholarship alumni and 38 were fellowship alumni.

The survey data provide a valuable quantitative insight into alumni use of knowledge and skills, development of networks and contribution to cooperation with Australia. The responses also offer rich examples from alumni of the types of contributions they are making, the way in which they are using their award, and the things that help and hinder them in reaching their potential.

The data detailed here are reported based on the four long-term outcomes of the Australia Awards as articulated in the *Australia Awards Global Strategy: Investing in the next generation of global leaders for development 2016-2018* and the Australia Awards Global Monitoring and Evaluation Framework. In terms of responding to the **long-term outcomes** of the Australia Awards, the following summary offers findings based on the responses of alumni from the Latin America Region. Further outcomes are included in the infographic following this summary.

**Outcome 1:** *Alumni are using their skills, knowledge and networks to contribute to sustainable development.*

* Most alumni from the Latin America Region (93 per cent) indicated they have passed on their skills and knowledge to others in their country on return from their award.
* 92 per cent of alumni indicated they had introduced improved practices and innovations in their work on return from their award.

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**Outcome 2:** *Alumni are contributing to cooperation between Australia and partner countries.*

* 48 per cent of alumni from the Latin America Region have maintained frequent contact with fellow alumni, while 52 per cent have frequent contact with friends in Australia and 38 per cent with Australian students/alumni.
* In terms of frequent contact with Australian organisations, 17 per cent of alumni have frequent contact with Australian institutions, 8 per cent of alumni have frequent contact with Australian businesses and 8 per cent with Australian Embassies, High Commissions or Consulates.

**Outcome 3:** *Effective, mutually advantageous partnerships between institutions and businesses in Australia and partner countries.*

* 44 per cent of alumni from the Latin America Region indicated having had a professional link with an Australian organisation at some time following award.
* These links were with Australian universities, the government sector, the private sector, non-government organisations and the Australian High Commission or Consulate.

**Outcome 4:** *Alumni view Australia, Australians and Australian expertise positively.*

* Most alumni from the Latin America Region (95 per cent) indicated their experience in Australia positively influenced their perception of Australia.
* Most alumni (92 per cent) have provided advice to people in the Latin America Region about pursuing opportunities in Australia.

The Tracer Survey represented the views of a range of alumni from the Latin America Region. Of those who responded, **54 per cent were women and 93 per cent came from an urban location**. The largest age group represented were alumni 30 to 39 years. Among all alumni, 77 per cent were employed full-time. Of those alumni employed, **58 per cent** indicatedthat they hold a **formal leadership role**.

In addition to this Outcomes Summary, this report includes an infographic as well as data tables including the detail of respondents from the Latin America Region to the Tracer Survey. The data tables correspond to each of the Australia Awards long-term outcomes and include benchmark data from the entire survey response population.

For further infor[mation about the Australia Awards Glob](http://www.australiaawardstracerfacility.org/)al Tracer Facility please visit the website: [www.australiaawardstracerfacility.org](http://www.australiaawardstracerfacility.org/)

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| *My organization is undergoing a major improvement plan, hence, from my position, I've been able to contribute with ideas and*  *suggestions for the betterment of my organizations policies and procedures, as well as to the improvement of the Postgraduate and Continuous Education programmes that we offer.* |

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| *I train, yearly around 20 development workers to develop a youth development project in some of the most remote and underserved areas of the country.* |  | *I made a good connection with my master degree supervisor, whom later wrote a recommendation letter for acceptance into my PhD.* |

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| *The organization where I work certainly needed to update several processes, I feel my studies in Australia helped me to be able to keep up with the new technologies and best practices in the IT market.* |

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| *I have co-organized an international forum on sustainable design in Mexico (2013) bringing key practitioners and researchers from Australia to share their experience in the field.* |



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**Alumni from**

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**of alumni**

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**%**

**of alumni**

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innovations at work

**44**

**%**

**of alumni**

Developed professional

links with Australia

**95**

**%**

**of alumni**

Say their awards experience

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of Australian skills and expertise

Host

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Other scholarship

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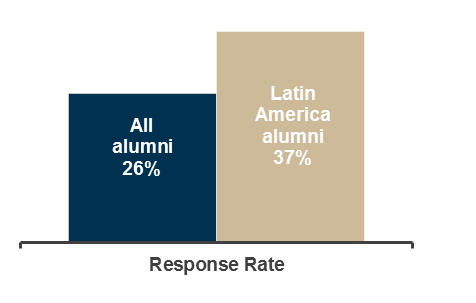
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## Table 1: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Latin America Region and All alumni - Respondent characteristics

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Alumni from Latin America Region | | | |  |  |  | |
| Scholarships | | Fellowships | | Alumni from Latin America | | All Alumni | |
| Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % |
| Age at time of survey | Under 20 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 to 29 years | 7 | 6.1% | 1 | 2.6% | 8 | 5.2% | 111 | 3.0% |
| 30 to 39 years | 95 | 82.6% | 11 | 28.9% | 106 | 69.3% | 2134 | 56.8% |
| 40 to 49 years | 10 | 8.7% | 17 | 44.7% | 27 | 17.6% | 1144 | 30.4% |
| 50 to 59 years | 3 | 2.6% | 8 | 21.1% | 11 | 7.2% | 310 | 8.3% |
| 60 to 69 years | - | - | 1 | 2.6% | 1 | 0.7% | 52 | 1.4% |
| 70 and older | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 | 0.2% |
| Year of graduation from award | 2011 | 1 | 0.9% | 4 | 10.5% | 5 | 3.3% | 382 | 10.1% |
| 2012 | 10 | 8.7% | 6 | 15.8% | 16 | 10.5% | 546 | 14.5% |
| 2013 | 25 | 21.7% | 7 | 18.4% | 32 | 20.9% | 631 | 16.7% |
| 2014 | 18 | 15.7% | 6 | 15.8% | 24 | 15.7% | 657 | 17.4% |
| 2015 | 49 | 42.6% | 15 | 39.5% | 64 | 41.8% | 881 | 23.4% |
| 2016 | 12 | 10.4% | - | - | 12 | 7.8% | 671 | 17.8% |
| Have you received any other awards? | Yes | 44 | 38.3% | 13 | 34.2% | 57 | 37.3% | 956 | 25.4% |
| No | 70 | 60.9% | 23 | 60.5% | 93 | 60.8% | 2779 | 73.9% |
| Don't know | 1 | 0.9% | 2 | 5.3% | 3 | 2.0% | 27 | 0.7% |
| What is your current employment status? | Employed full-time | 82 | 71.3% | 36 | 94.7% | 118 | 77.1% | 3297 | 87.7% |
| Employed part-time | 11 | 9.6% | 1 | 2.6% | 12 | 7.8% | 155 | 4.1% |
| Not employed | 12 | 10.4% | 1 | 2.6% | 13 | 8.5% | 113 | 3.0% |
| Retired | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 | 0.4% |
| Studying | 10 | 8.7% | - | - | 10 | 6.5% | 135 | 3.6% |
| Other (specify) | - | - | - | - | - | - | 46 | 1.2% |
| Level of leadership in relation to current job | Formal leadership role | 54 | 59.3% | 20 | 55.6% | 74 | 58.3% | 2080 | 61.9% |
| Informal leadership role | 28 | 30.8% | 15 | 41.7% | 43 | 33.9% | 1019 | 30.3% |
| Do not have a leadership role | 7 | 7.7% | 1 | 2.8% | 8 | 6.3% | 203 | 6.0% |
| Don't know/prefer not to say | 2 | 2.2% | - | - | 2 | 1.6% | 56 | 1.7% |

## Table 2: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Latin America Region and All alumni - Outcome 1

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Alumni from Latin America Region | | | |  |  |  | |
| **Q**: To what extent do you agree with each of these statements:  I have… | | Scholarships | | Fellowships | | Alumni from Latin America | | All Alumni | |
| Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % |
| Passed on new skills and knowledge to others | Strongly agree | 71 | 61.7% | 23 | 60.5% | 94 | 61.4% | 2298 | 61.1% |
| Agree | 37 | 32.2% | 12 | 31.6% | 49 | 32.0% | 1367 | 36.4% |
| Disagree | 4 | 3.5% | 2 | 5.3% | 6 | 3.9% | 44 | 1.2% |
| Strongly disagree | 1 | 0.9% | - | - | 1 | 0.7% | 13 | 0.3% |
| Don't Know | 2 | 1.7% | 1 | 2.6% | 3 | 2.0% | 38 | 1.0% |
| Introduced improved practices and innovations through my work | Strongly agree | 60 | 52.2% | 17 | 44.7% | 77 | 50.3% | 2023 | 53.9% |
| Agree | 49 | 42.6% | 15 | 39.5% | 64 | 41.8% | 1571 | 41.8% |
| Disagree | 2 | 1.7% | 3 | 7.9% | 5 | 3.3% | 69 | 1.8% |
| Strongly disagree | 2 | 1.7% | - | - | 2 | 1.3% | 12 | 0.3% |
| Don't Know | 2 | 1.7% | 3 | 7.9% | 5 | 3.3% | 81 | 2.2% |
| Built networks with Australians or Australian organisations | Strongly agree | 23 | 20.0% | 8 | 21.1% | 31 | 20.3% | 848 | 22.6% |
| Agree | 42 | 36.5% | 17 | 44.7% | 59 | 38.6% | 1892 | 50.4% |
| Disagree | 38 | 33.0% | 12 | 31.6% | 50 | 32.7% | 719 | 19.2% |
| Strongly disagree | 9 | 7.8% | - | - | 9 | 5.9% | 68 | 1.8% |
| Don't know | 3 | 2.6% | 1 | 2.6% | 4 | 2.6% | 226 | 6.0% |
| Built networks with other awardees | Strongly agree | 51 | 44.3% | 11 | 28.9% | 62 | 40.5% | 1683 | 44.9% |
| Agree | 40 | 34.8% | 15 | 39.5% | 55 | 35.9% | 1730 | 46.1% |
| Disagree | 23 | 20.0% | 10 | 26.3% | 33 | 21.6% | 251 | 6.7% |
| Strongly disagree | 1 | 0.9% | 2 | 5.3% | 3 | 2.0% | 21 | 0.6% |
| Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | - | 66 | 1.8% |

## Table 3: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Latin America Region and All alumni - Outcome 2

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Alumni from Latin America Region | | | |  |  |  | |
| **Q**: How frequently are you in contact with the following groups: | | Scholarships | | Fellowships | | Alumni from Latin America | | All Alumni | |
| Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % |
| Host Institution | Always | 5 | 4.5% | 1 | 2.9% | 6 | 4.1% | 168 | 5.0% |
| Often | 13 | 11.7% | 6 | 17.1% | 19 | 13.0% | 568 | 16.8% |
| Sometimes | 27 | 24.3% | 13 | 37.1% | 40 | 27.4% | 1279 | 37.8% |
| Rarely | 49 | 44.1% | 9 | 25.7% | 58 | 39.7% | 973 | 28.7% |
| Never | 17 | 15.3% | 6 | 17.1% | 23 | 15.8% | 364 | 10.8% |
| Don’t know | - | - | - | - | - | - | 34 | 1.0% |
| Fellow Australian Students | Always | 14 | 12.6% | 2 | 5.7% | 16 | 11.0% | 278 | 8.2% |
| Often | 32 | 28.8% | 7 | 20.0% | 39 | 26.7% | 850 | 25.1% |
| Sometimes | 32 | 28.8% | 9 | 25.7% | 41 | 28.1% | 1270 | 37.6% |
| Rarely | 21 | 18.9% | 5 | 14.3% | 26 | 17.8% | 611 | 18.1% |
| Never | 12 | 10.8% | 12 | 34.3% | 24 | 16.4% | 341 | 10.1% |
| Don’t know | - | - | - | - | - | - | 32 | 0.9% |
| Fellow Award recipients | Always | 22 | 19.8% | 3 | 8.6% | 25 | 17.1% | 488 | 14.4% |
| Often | 36 | 32.4% | 9 | 25.7% | 45 | 30.8% | 1219 | 36.1% |
| Sometimes | 24 | 21.6% | 9 | 25.7% | 33 | 22.6% | 1151 | 34.1% |
| Rarely | 18 | 16.2% | 8 | 22.9% | 26 | 17.8% | 389 | 11.5% |
| Never | 11 | 9.9% | 6 | 17.1% | 17 | 11.6% | 115 | 3.4% |
| Don’t know | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | 0.5% |
| Professional associations or  Australian businesses operating in  Australia/your home country | Always | 2 | 1.8% | - | - | 2 | 1.4% | 104 | 3.1% |
| Often | 4 | 3.6% | 5 | 14.3% | 9 | 6.2% | 359 | 10.6% |
| Sometimes | 19 | 17.1% | 4 | 11.4% | 23 | 15.8% | 834 | 24.7% |
| Rarely | 24 | 21.6% | 8 | 22.9% | 32 | 21.9% | 989 | 29.3% |
| Never | 60 | 54.1% | 17 | 48.6% | 77 | 52.7% | 984 | 29.2% |
| Don’t know | 2 | 1.8% | 1 | 2.9% | 3 | 2.1% | 105 | 3.1% |
| Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate | Always | - | - | - | - | - | - | 85 | 2.5% |
| Often | 8 | 7.2% | 4 | 11.4% | 12 | 8.2% | 251 | 7.4% |
| Sometimes | 21 | 18.9% | 7 | 20.0% | 28 | 19.2% | 775 | 23.0% |
| Rarely | 32 | 28.8% | 8 | 22.9% | 40 | 27.4% | 1119 | 33.2% |
| Never | 50 | 45.0% | 16 | 45.7% | 66 | 45.2% | 1092 | 32.4% |
| Don’t know | - | - | - | - | - | - | 50 | 1.5% |
| Friends in Australia | Always | 24 | 21.6% | - | - | 24 | 16.4% | 426 | 12.6% |
| Often | 45 | 40.5% | 7 | 20.0% | 52 | 35.6% | 921 | 27.3% |
| Sometimes | 27 | 24.3% | 10 | 28.6% | 37 | 25.3% | 1232 | 36.6% |
| Rarely | 12 | 10.8% | 7 | 20.0% | 19 | 13.0% | 551 | 16.4% |
| Never | 2 | 1.8% | 11 | 31.4% | 13 | 8.9% | 219 | 6.5% |
| Don’t know | 1 | 0.9% | - | - | 1 | 0.7% | 21 | 0.6% |

## Table 4: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Latin America Region and All alumni - Outcome 3

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| **Q**: As a result of your Australia Award, have you developed professional links with Australian organisations? | | Scholarships  Count Column N % | | Alumni from Latin America Region  Fellowships  Count Column N % | | Alumni from Latin America  Count Column N % | | All Alumni  Count Column N % | |
| Professional links | Developed professional links | 47 | 42.0% | 18 | 50.0% | 65 | 43.9% | 1513 | 44.2% |
| Did not develop professional links | 61 | 54.5% | 17 | 47.2% | 78 | 52.7% | 1583 | 46.2% |
| Don't Know | 4 | 3.6% | 1 | 2.8% | 5 | 3.4% | 330 | 9.6% |
| Types of professional links with Australian organisations\* | Public sector | 15 | 31.9% | 7 | 38.9% | 22 | 33.8% | 336 | 22.4% |
| Private Sector | 8 | 17.0% | - | - | 8 | 12.3% | 150 | 10.0% |
| Universities | 16 | 34.0% | 10 | 55.6% | 26 | 40.0% | 740 | 49.3% |
| Non-Government Organisations | 2 | 4.3% | 1 | 5.6% | 3 | 4.6% | 137 | 9.1% |
| Australian High Commission or Consulates | 5 | 10.6% | - | - | 5 | 7.7% | 30 | 2.0% |
| Other or don't know | 1 | 2.1% | - | - | 1 | 1.5% | 108 | 7.2% |

\*Note these counts and proportions only include alumni who indicated that they had developed a professional link as well as providing information about their current employment in the survey.

## Table 5: Tracer Survey Data for 2011 to 2016 alumni from Latin America Region and All alumni - Outcome 4

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Alumni from Latin America Region | | | |  |  |  | |
| **Q**: To what extent did your experience during your award influence your perception of the following: | | Scholarships | | Fellowships | | Alumni from Latin America | | All Alumni | |
| Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % | Count | Column N % |
| Australia as a country | Much more positive | 96 | 86.5% | 32 | 91.4% | 128 | 87.7% | 2825 | 84.6% |
| Slightly more positive | 8 | 7.2% | 3 | 8.6% | 11 | 7.5% | 406 | 12.2% |
| No change | 4 | 3.6% | - | - | 4 | 2.7% | 84 | 2.5% |
| Slightly more negative | 2 | 1.8% | - | - | 2 | 1.4% | 13 | 0.4% |
| Much more negative | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Don't know | 1 | 0.9% | - | - | 1 | 0.7% | 13 | 0.4% |
| Australian people | Much more positive | 78 | 70.3% | 28 | 80.0% | 106 | 72.6% | 2497 | 74.8% |
| Slightly more positive | 19 | 17.1% | 6 | 17.1% | 25 | 17.1% | 626 | 18.7% |
| No change | 9 | 8.1% | 1 | 2.9% | 10 | 6.8% | 152 | 4.6% |
| Slightly more negative | 4 | 3.6% | - | - | 4 | 2.7% | 37 | 1.1% |
| Much more negative | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 0.0% |
| Don't know | 1 | 0.9% | - | - | 1 | 0.7% | 26 | 0.8% |
| The knowledge skills and expertise of Australians | Much more positive | 74 | 66.7% | 26 | 74.3% | 100 | 68.5% | 2532 | 75.9% |
| Slightly more positive | 28 | 25.2% | 7 | 20.0% | 35 | 24.0% | 642 | 19.2% |
| No change | 6 | 5.4% | 1 | 2.9% | 7 | 4.8% | 118 | 3.5% |
| Slightly more negative | 3 | 2.7% | 1 | 2.9% | 4 | 2.7% | 19 | 0.6% |
| Much more negative | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 0.1% |
| Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | - | 24 | 0.7% |
| Have provided advice to people from home country in relation to pursuing opportunities in Australia | Yes | 103 | 92.8% | 31 | 88.6% | 134 | 91.8% | 3245 | 97.3% |
| No | 8 | 7.2% | 4 | 11.4% | 12 | 8.2% | 74 | 2.2% |
| Don't know | - | - | - | - | - | - | 17 | 0.5% |

