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Region Report
Alumni of 2011 to 2016



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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.

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** indicated that 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.

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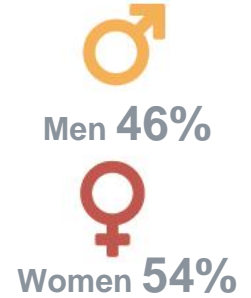
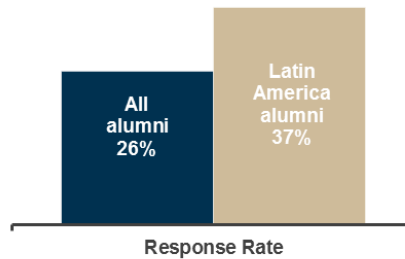
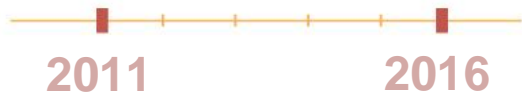
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Tracer Survey 2018–2019 Latin America Overview

153 Alumni from Latin America

Alumni who completed a scholarship or fellowship between 2011 and 2016



key outcomes

93% of alumni

Passed on skills and knowledge to others



44% of alumni

Developed professional links with Australia



92% of alumni

Introduced improved practices and innovations at work



95% of alumni

Say their awards experience positively influenced perception of Australian skills and expertise

Percentage of alumni who often have contact with:



Host institution
17%

Friends in Australia



Australian alumni
38%



Other scholarship alumni
48%

Australian Embassy or High Commission
8%



😊 alumni voices

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

		Alumni from Latin America Region						All Alumni	
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Alumni from Latin America			
		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

Q: To what extent do you agree with each of these statements: I have...		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 %
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

Q: As a result of your Australia Award, have you developed professional links with Australian organisations?		Alumni from Latin America Region				Alumni from Latin America		All Alumni	
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
		Count	Column N %	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

Q: To what extent did your experience during your award influence your perception of the following:		Alumni from Latin America Region						All Alumni	
		Scholarships		Fellowships		Alumni from Latin America			
		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%

