

Welcome  
Australia Awards Fellowships Round 20 Industry Briefing

# Agenda

**Welcome:**

* Acknowledgement of Country
* Hello and Welcome from Acting First Assistant Secretary, Development Policy Division, Jane Chandler
* Introduction to the Australia Awards Fellowships Secretariat (AAFS)
* Overview of the session

**About Australia Awards Fellowships (AAF) program:**

* What are they, why are we funding

**Stakeholder introduction and presentation on priority areas of strategic focus for AAF:**

* Introduction of representatives
* Presentation of the six priorities

**Program Overview:**

* What are we looking for in proposals and organisations
* Timetable – selection to mobilisation
* Expectations for engaging with Australia Awards Fellowships Secretariat (AAFS)
* AAFS and Australian Host Organisations (AHOs) responsibilities

**Wrap-up and close meeting**



# Australia Awards Fellowships

* To **strengthen partnerships and linkages** between Australian organisations and partner organisations in developing countries, in support of Australia’s strategic development objectives.
* To increase the capability and professional development of Fellows to advance priority development issues bilaterally,sub-regionally and/or regionally.



# Who can apply?

Only Australian organisations with a current ABN can apply in Round 20

# Australia Awards Fellowships- Opportunities

AAF program provides short-term opportunities for

in-Australia study, research and professional development activities, hosted by Australian Organisations.

Fellows are selected from eligible participating countries.

**Funding of up to $34,500 per Fellow,** to a maximum of 15 Fellows is offered on a competitive basis to Australian organisations to host Fellows and support a range of professional development activities.

# Priority Areas

AAF Round 20 is looking for organisations that focuses on the six priorities.

Presentations on the priority areas will be conducted by the following representatives:

* + Climate change, adaptation, resilience and green energy (include critical mineral mining)
    - Michael Buckley, Assistant Director – Climate Diplomacy Coordination Section
  + Gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion
    - Anjalee Dabee, Policy Officer– Gender Strategy Effectiveness & Performance Unit
  + Health
    - Krystal Millar, A/g Director - Health Strategy and Governance Section
  + Digital Economy, cyber resilience, and media engagement
    - Farrah Hadba, Senior Project Officer – Pacific Cyber Cooperation Section
    - Neroli Santleben, Assistant Director - Media and Broadcasting Unit
  + Maritime and the Blue Economy
    - Angelica Casado, Policy Officer – Northeast Indian Ocean Programs Section
  + Infrastructure and connectivity
    - Tanya Morjanoff, Director - Infrastructure Policy & Engagement Section

# Priority Areas

## Climate Change adaption, Resilience and Green Energy (including critical mining)

### Areas include but not limited to:

* Climate change adaptation
* Resilience
* Climate science
* Energy transition
* Mining for critical minerals

# Priority Areas

## Health

### Areas include but not limited to:

* Communicable diseases
* Non-communicable diseases including mental health
* Sexual and reproductive health and rights
* Health system strengthening including building workforce capacity
* Health security including pandemic prevention, preparedness and response
* One Health Approaches

# Priority Areas

## Gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion

### Areas include but not limited to:

* Gender equality and women’s and girls’ empowerment, and/or disability equity
* Disability inclusive policy and budgeting
* Responding to and eliminating sexual and gender-based violence;
* Gender-responsive and disability inclusive social protection
* Economic empowerment of women and/or people with disabilities,
* Access to finance and gender-responsive business
* Equitable access to infrastructure or the Women, Peace and Security agenda

# Priority Areas

## Digital economy, cyber resilience and media engagement

### Areas include but not limited to:

* Digital economy and future architecture
* Cyber capacity building or future-proofing critical assets
* Technologies and industries
* Digital resilience and transformation of media organisation
* Practical use of generative artificial intelligence and digital tools
* Digital storytelling
* Innovative audience analysis techniques

# Priority Areas

## Maritime and the Blue Economy

### Areas include but not limited to:

* Maritime cooperation and development
* Protection of environment
* Reduction of plastic pollutants
* Future development of the Blue Economy
* Maritime policy
* Resource management
* Maritime law and protection

# Priority Areas

## Infrastructure and connectivity

### Areas include but not limited to:

* Design and delivery of quality, sustainable, resilient infrastructure
* Planning and project management
* Infrastructure finance and procurement
* Asset management
* Infrastructure quality standards
* Energy, ports, broadcasting, transport, aviation, telecommunications and other key sectors



# Eligible Australian Host Organisations

Australian Host Organisations (AHOs) include Australian legal entities that have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN). Examples include:

* **Australian organisations, institutions and businesses** — research centres, higher education providers, vocational education and training providers, peak bodies, Australian chambers of commerce, community groups, private sector, non-government organisations, media organisations, professional associations and industry bodies.
* **Australian Government departments** — (Federal, State/Territory and local), government agencies, statutory authorities, and Government Business Enterprises
  + Priority will be given to applications addressing the thematic priority areas.
  + Australian organisations who can demonstrate links with partner organisations in participating countries as well as the capability to manage and deliver a Fellowship.
  + AHOs demonstrate the gender balance is appropriate for each priority areas
  + AHOs should consider including people with disabilities to ensure broader systems, policies and services include and benefit people with disabilities.

# Co-contribution of Host Organisations

### Co-contribution and cost-sharing may be as funding or in-kind contributions include the following:

* Staff travel and accommodation costs in Australia
* Administrative and support costs
* Course development costs
* Communication costs
* Monitoring and evaluation activities
* Follow-up activities that fall outside the scope
* Hospitality costs
* Office/operating expenses
* Professional Indemnity Insurance (if required)
* Staff living allowance and domestic travel in partner country
* Extra-curricular activities for Fellows
* Translation and interpretation services
* Working with vulnerable people checks
* Fellow Living allowance in partner countries

# Round 20 Key Dates

* Applications opened 2 September 2024
* Applications close 13 October 2024, 11:59pm (AEDT)
* Successful/unsuccessful Australian organisations notified from May 2025
* Program Start Date from 1 October 2025
* All programs must end by 29 March 2027

# AAFS Responsibilities

* Shortlisting and assessment of applications.
* Briefing preparation for Selection Panel meeting.
* Develop funding Agreements with successful Australian organisations
* Issue *Acceptance of Award o*ffer letters for successful Fellows
* Disburse Fellowship funding to successful AHOs
* Monitor and report on program performance during implementation
* Approving external Media Release

# Expectations for engaging with AAFS

* AHOs are expected to engage with AAFS during and after the Fellowship.
* At the completion of a Fellowship, Fellows will become part of the prestigious Australia Awards alumni network.
* It is part of the Funding Agreement that you are required to seek AAFS approval for any program variations and external communications.
* The primary contact for Fellowships is [Fellowships@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Fellowships@dfat.gov.au)

# AHOs Responsibilities

* Enters into contractual agreement with DFAT and provides a tax invoice for funding
* Return signed Fellow Letter of Offer pack
* Arrange medical insurance for Fellows (OSHC)
* Fellows’ welfare
* Make travel and accommodation arrangements for Fellows
* Deliver a pre-departure briefing
* Deliver arrival briefing for Fellows



# AHOs Responsibilities Continuation

* Welcome to country ceremony
* In-Australia management of all Fellowship activities and
* Deliver a departure briefing
* Deliver activities in partner country
* Ensure Fellows submit the Fellows Completion Surveys
* Submit an Activity Completion Report and Financial Acquittal Statement
* Return any unspent funds to DFAT

# Question & Answer

If you have any questions, send them by **COB 27 September AEST** to the email below: [Fellowships@dfat.gov.au](mailto:Fellowships@dfat.gov.au)

# Further Information

Resources regarding the AAF program can be found on the DFAT website under the Australia Awards Fellowships page.

[https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-](https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-people/australia-awards/australia-awards-fellowships) [people/australia- awards/australia-awards-](https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-people/australia-awards/australia-awards-fellowships) [fellowships](https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-people/australia-awards/australia-awards-fellowships)