

Welcome
Australia Awards
Fellowships Round 20
Industry Briefing



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Fellowships

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



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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* offer letters for successful Fellows
- Disburse Fellowship funding to successful AHOs
- Monitor and report on program performance during implementation
- Approving external Media Releases



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



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
- 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



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-people/australia-awards/australia-awards-fellowships>



Thank you for your attendance!

