



Australia Awards

AUSTRALIA AWARDS Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships 2014 Round Applicant Guidelines

These Guidelines provide information for applicants wishing to apply for any of the following categories of Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships:

- Prime Minister's Australia Asia Scholarship
- Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship
- Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship
- Endeavour Vocational Education and Training Scholarship
- Endeavour Executive Fellowship
- Endeavour Research Fellowship
- Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians
- Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship
- Endeavour Australia India Education Council Research Fellowship.



These Guidelines will aid you in preparing your application. You should read them in full to ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements for the Award/s.





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Glossary

	<p>This symbol indicates a piece of information that has been highlighted for your reference in determining your eligibility for an Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship. In many cases, this information is presented as a case study or scenario.</p>
	<p>This exclamation mark indicates a piece of information that has been highlighted as a key task, activity or caution to assist you in completing your application for an Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship.</p>
<p>Academic Transcript</p>	<p>The list of subjects and academic results provided by institutions to the applicant, usually at the end of each semester, trimester or term.</p>
<p>Admission letter</p>	<p>A formal letter confirming enrolment from a host organisation/institution.</p>
<p>AIEC</p>	<p>Australia India Education Council.</p>
<p>Applicant</p>	<p>The person applying for an Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship.</p>
<p>AusAID</p>	<p>Australian Agency for International Development.</p>
<p>Award Contract</p>	<p>Contract entered into between the Contractor and Award Holders detailing each party's responsibilities.</p>
<p>Award Holder</p>	<p>The successful applicant who receives an Australia Award Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship.</p>
<p>Contractor</p>	<p>Austraining International Pty Ltd - contracted by the Department to manage the post-selection support services for the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships.</p>
<p>Country</p>	<p>Any reference to a country includes that of an economy otherwise referred to as a region.</p>
<p>DIICCSRTE/the Department</p>	<p>Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education, its employees, agents and contractors.</p>
<p>DFAT</p>	<p>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p>
<p>DIAC</p>	<p>Department of Immigration and Citizenship.</p>
<p>EOL</p>	<p>Endeavour Online System</p>
<p>Fieldwork</p>	<p>Program research activity directly related to your field of study which is undertaken during your Award outside your Host Country.</p>
<p>Guidelines</p>	<p>Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships 2014 Applicant Guidelines.</p>
<p>Home Country</p>	<p>The country of citizenship and/or permanent residency of the applicant.</p>
<p>Host Country</p>	<p>The country to which the Award Holder will travel to undertake their program.</p>
<p>Home Organisation/ Institution</p>	<p>The organisation the applicant works for or the institution they attend in their country of citizenship and/or permanent residency.</p>

Host Organisation/ Institution	The organisation or the institution the applicant will attend for study, research or professional development in the host country. Your host must not be in a DFAT Level 4 country and/or region.
IELTS	International English Language Testing System.
Internship	Any paid or unpaid work related to the Award Holder's field of study.
Nomination letter	Nomination form from your host confirming placement and required if you are applying for any of the Endeavour Research Fellowship or Endeavour Executive Fellowship categories.
Participating Countries	As set out in Section 4.3 (International) and Section 5.3 (Australians) of these Guidelines.
Postdoctoral Fellow	Person who has completed a PhD and is undertaking research.
Postgraduate Student	Student who is undertaking studies at a Masters or PhD level.
Professional Development	Professional training rather than an academic course undertaken to enhance knowledge and skills required for a person's profession.
Proposed Program	The study, research, professional development or internship activities outlined by applicants in their application for an Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship.
TOEFL	Test of English as a Foreign Language.
Undergraduate Student	Student who is undertaking studies at a Bachelors or Honours level.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of these Guidelines

These Guidelines provide information for applicants wishing to apply for any of the following categories of Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship:

- Prime Minister's Australia Asia Scholarship
- Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship
- Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship
- Endeavour Vocational Education and Training Scholarship
- Endeavour Executive Fellowship
- Endeavour Research Fellowship
- Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians
- Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship
- Endeavour Australia India Education Council Research Fellowship.



These Guidelines will aid you in preparing your application. You should read them in full to ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements.

You must also ensure that you fully address all the selection criteria and submit your application and correct supporting documentation by the closing date as late applications will not be considered.

1.2 About the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships

The Australia Awards brought together the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships administered by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIICCSRTE), scholarships and fellowships administered by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and fellowships administered by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) under a single recognisable brand. The Australia Awards have been established to maximise the benefit of the Australian Government's extensive scholarship programs, and to support enduring ties between Australia and our neighbours. Further information is available at www.australiaawards.gov.au

The Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships are the Australian Government's internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program providing opportunities for Australians to undertake study, research and professional development overseas and citizens of the Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia.

The Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships objectives are to:

- develop on-going educational, research and professional links between individuals and organisations in Australia and selected partner regions and countries;
- provide opportunities for high achieving individuals from Australia and overseas to increase their skills and enhance their global awareness;
- contribute to Australia's position as a high quality education and training provider, and a leader in research and innovation; and

- increase the productivity of Australia through an international study, research or professional development experience.

1.3 Post Selection Support Services

A Contractor (Austraining International) has been engaged by the Department to provide post-selection support services to all Award Holders. These services include:

- a dedicated case manager;
- pre-departure briefings;
- provision of advice on visas, health, travel, insurance, accommodation, security and legal matters;
- payment of allowances; and
- reporting to the Department on Award Holders' progress.

Once the successful applicants have accepted their offer of an Award and returned a signed 'Declaration of Acceptance' their details will be transferred to the Contractor, who will contact them shortly afterwards to confirm details including commencement dates and their Award program.

1.4 Alumni

Upon successful completion, Award Holders may be invited to become a member of the Australia Awards Alumni Network (AAAN). This Network will assist Alumni to maintain the personal, institutional and education links and friendships they make during their Award.

2. REQUIREMENTS & CONDITIONS

2.1 Age

Award Holders must be aged 18 years or over at the commencement of their Award. There is no maximum age limit.

2.2 Fields of Study

There are no limitations on fields of study for the Award categories listed in [section 1.1](#).

2.3 Award Conditions

- Successful recipients must sign an Award Contract with Austraining International (the Contractor of the Department) formally agreeing to the conditions of the Award, prior to commencement of their Award.
- An Award is conditional upon the successful recipient meeting any specific conditions that are outlined in the Award Offer letter issued by the Department.
- Successful recipients must commence their approved program and Award after 1 January 2014 but no later than 30 November 2014.
- Applicants who have already commenced or will commence their program at their host organisation prior to 2014 are ineligible to apply.
- International successful recipients must undertake their Award and approved program in Australia with the only exception being approved fieldwork.
- Australian successful recipients must undertake their Award and approved program within the approved Host Country with the only exception being approved fieldwork. Successful recipients cannot undertake their Award at an offshore campus of an Australian University (excludes the internship component of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Scholarship).

- Successful recipients must undertake the program outlined in their application, unless otherwise approved by the Department, for at least the minimum Award duration.
- Successful recipients must abide by the rules of the host organisation/institution.
- Any changes to the successful recipients program or itinerary must have the prior approval of the Contractor with final approval from the Department.
- Should a successful recipient be prevented for any reason from taking up their Award within a reasonable timeframe, the Department may withdraw the offer of an Award.
- An Award is conditional upon a successful recipient gaining and maintaining confirmed enrolment or nomination with a Host Organisation and satisfying the requirements for the issue of an appropriate entry/residence visa to the Host Country. The offer of an Award does not guarantee enrolment/nomination or the granting of a visa. It is the responsibility of the successful recipient to ensure they obtain the correct visa type for their intended stay.
- Academic progress will be assessed against reports provided by the Award Holder, the Host Organisation and the program outlined in the Award Holders application.
- Where the Department terminates an Award (and directs the Contractor to terminate the Award Contract) the Award Holder must immediately cease undertaking their program and return to their home country, as soon as reasonably practicable.
- The Department may temporarily suspend an Award when it is deemed appropriate to do so. Monthly stipends are not payable during periods of suspension.
- An Award Holder is responsible for all of the program fees and charges that exceed their Benefits. Funding is limited to the duration stipulated for each Endeavour Scholarship and/or Fellowship category.
- The decision to take up an Endeavour Scholarship and/or Fellowship and travel overseas is the responsibility of the Award Holder. The Department will not be liable for any loss, damage, injury or harm that might be suffered during, or in connection with, the Award. Award Holders should make their own independent inquiries about the risks involved in overseas travel, and to the host country, and be fully informed about the risks at all times. Australian recipients should check the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) website for information about risks overseas and how they can better prepare for overseas travel. Award Holders must register with DFAT and subscribe to www.smartraveller.gov.au prior to commencement of their Award. The Department recommends that Award Holders consider organising comprehensive travel insurance covering medical costs, emergency travel and repatriation. The travel allowance can be used for this purpose.
- Endeavour Research Fellowship recipients who have proposed to undertake postdoctoral research and who have not yet had their PhD conferred and obtained their final result must do so prior to commencing their Endeavour Research Fellowship.

2.4 Visas

It is the responsibility of Award Holders to apply for and satisfy the requirements for the issue of an appropriate entry visa to their host country. Award Holders will be advised of the visa process and will have the support of their Case Manager to make suitable arrangements prior to their commencement. The offer of an Award does not guarantee the granting of a visa and is conditional upon gaining a visa. Any costs associated with obtaining the visa is the responsibility of the Award Holder. Award Holders are responsible for any visa application costs.

Award Holders may be required to undertake a medical examination to satisfy health requirements for the issue of a visa for entry into their host country.

Family members wishing to visit or accompany an Award Holder are required to obtain their own visa.



Family members or dependants wishing to accompany or visit an Award Holder in Australia should contact DIAC's nearest overseas mission for advice about travelling to and living in Australia. For further information and contact details please visit <http://www.immi.gov.au/contacts/overseas/>.

2.5 Police Checks (Australian Award Holders Only)

All Australian Award Holders will be required to undergo a police check before their Award is confirmed. It is an important consideration of the Department that recipients are suitable persons who will enhance the reputation of Australia and the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships overseas.



A criminal record will not automatically disqualify an applicant from receiving an Award. However, if an Award Holder is found to have a criminal record or conviction which the Department considers would harm the reputation of the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships, then the Department may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to grant or revoke an Award.

2.6 Award Suspension and Termination

The Award may be terminated at any time for misconduct, for failing to comply with the laws of the host country, for breaches of the Award conditions or for failure to make satisfactory academic progress (where applicable).

2.7 Employment

International Award Holders

Award Holders must obtain permission from their Host Organisation and confirm the conditions of their visa with DIAC in order to determine whether they are allowed to undertake paid employment while they are in Australia on their Award.

International Endeavour Research Fellowships (including Australia Cheung Kong and Australia India Education Council) and Endeavour Executive Fellowship recipients are not permitted to work at any time during their Award.

Australian Award Holders

Award Holders must obtain permission from their Host Organisation and confirm the conditions of their visa in order to determine whether they are allowed to undertake paid employment while they are in their Host Country on their Award.

Endeavour Executive Fellowship Holders are not permitted to undertake paid employment at any time during their Award except in exceptional circumstances and with prior approval from the Department.

2.8 Taxation

Any entitlements provided to an Australia Award - Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship recipients are to be treated as tax exempt income as per section 51.10, 2.1A and 2.5 of the Income Tax Assessment ACT 1997.

2.9 Award Completion

Award Holders are expected to return to their home country and/or region at the completion of their program.

2.10 Travel Warnings

An Award Holder must not travel, without the approval of the Contractor, to a country/region or a part of a country/region that has been assessed by DFAT as an area to which Australians are advised not to travel

(Level 4 DFAT advice); or where the Department considers a particular country/region or part of a country/region is not likely to be safe; or where the Department considers that the Award Holder would not be able to complete the program for which the Award was given. If this condition is breached an Award may be suspended, revoked or terminated.



Applicants should monitor the DFAT website at the following link for current information about countries that are considered a travel risk:
<http://www.smartraveller.gov.au>

2.11 Fieldwork

Fieldwork is a program research activity directly related to your field of study which is undertaken during your Award outside your Host Country. The total of all periods of fieldwork undertaken should be for no more than 50% of your proposed Award duration.

Approval of fieldwork activity is not automatic and requires the approval of an Award Holder's Host Organisation, the Contractor and the Department. Please note that stipend payments (living away from home allowance) are not payable for the period that an Award Holder undertakes fieldwork in their Home Country, except in exceptional circumstances. Any exceptional circumstances will be considered by the Department on a case by case basis.

2.12 Internship (Prime Minister's Australia Asia Scholarship only)

A unique aspect of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Scholarship is the opportunity for Award Holders to undertake an internship. The overarching aim of the internship is to develop internationally-aware future leaders who have the skills and knowledge to be able to compete and collaborate in a globalised market.

For the individual Award Holder the aim of the internship component is to provide an opportunity to gain international professional experience in their field and build professional networks in Asia.

Definition of Internship

For the purposes of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Scholarship an internship is defined as *'Any paid or unpaid work related to the Award Holders field of study undertaken outside of their host institution and/or specific research or study group.'*

Internships could therefore be with any company, business, government department or agency, not-for-profit organisation, or research organisation in the host country.

There are many variations on what the internship component might look like, for example it could be:

- A paid position with a local company or business;
- An unpaid position with a government agency or NGO;
- A position at an Australian Government post, if it is applicable for your field of study and they have the capacity, or
- With an agency or organisation in Asia that the Award Holder's Australian university has, or seeks to develop links with.

You may be eligible to gain credit for the internship if it meets the course requirements. The credit should be negotiated with your course convenor.

Duration

Internships can be undertaken with any company, business, government department or agency, not-for-profit organisation, or research organisation within a participating country of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia

Scholarship. This practical component of the Award may be up to 12 months (minimum of 2 months full time or the part-time equivalent) in duration and may be with more than one employer.

The internship should be undertaken after the study component. It may only be undertaken during the study component under exceptional circumstances and with approval from the Department. There can be no more than one month maximum duration between the completion of the study component and the commencement of an internship except in exceptional circumstances and with approval from the Department.

Approval for more than three separate internships and/or internships of less than one month duration must be gained from the Contractor and final approval from the Department.

Arranging the Internship and Approval Process

It is the Award Holders responsibility to arrange and confirm the internship. However, the Award Holders are supported in this by their home university, Austraining International and the Department. The Award Holders home university is provided with a \$3,000 contribution to assist applicants in identifying suitable internship placements. This payment will be made to the University once the internship is approved.

The internship must be approved by Austraining International and an internship approval form must be submitted and approved no later than one month prior to the completion of the study component. To have your internship approved you must complete the Internship Approval Form available from the Endeavour Online system and forward it to Austraining International.

Award Holders undertaking an Internship will need to contact the relevant authority in the host country to determine whether they are entitled to work and to obtain information about visas. It should be noted that Award Holders may be required to change visas when transitioning from study to the Internship component of their Award.



Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Undergraduate Scholarship recipients must arrange and participate in an internship or work placement for a minimum two months and maximum 12 months duration. Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Postgraduate Scholarship recipients are strongly encouraged to undertake an internship or work placement for a minimum two months and maximum 12 months duration.




Applicants are not required to have an internship confirmed at the time of application instead they are asked to indicate their proposed plans (i.e. intended dates and Host Organisation(s) for the internship component in their application. Applicants will not be disadvantaged in the selection process if they have not confirmed their internship at the time of application.

2.13 Holding Other Scholarships

Award	Permissions
Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship (Including Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Postgraduate Scholarship – Incoming Internationals)	Award Holders are not permitted to hold any other Australian Government sponsored scholarship.
Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship	<i>The Australia Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) program is not considered to be an Australian Government sponsored scholarship.</i>

<p>Endeavour Research Fellowship (Including Australia Cheung Kong , Australia India Education Council)</p> <p>Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians</p> <p>Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Postgraduate & Undergraduate Scholarship (Outgoing Australians)</p> <p>Prime Minister’s Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship</p> <p>Endeavour Executive Fellowship</p>	<p>Award Holders are not permitted to hold another Australia Award.</p>
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	<p>It is the responsibility of the Award Holder to check whether they are eligible to hold an Australia Award with any other scholarships that they may receive.</p> <p>Award Holders in receipt of an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS), Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or Australian Research Council (ARC) grant must adhere to the conditions placed on those scholarships.</p>
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3. APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESSES

	<p>It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the application and all supporting documentation, including referees’ reports, are submitted by the closing date.</p>
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3.1 Application Dates

Applications for the 2014 Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowships will open on Saturday 6 April 2013 and will close at **11:59 PM** Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Sunday 30 June 2013.

	<p>Applications close at 11:59 PM Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Sunday, 30 June 2013.</p> <p>Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.</p>
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	<p>Applicants for the Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Outgoing Scholarships must be nominated by their Home University to be eligible.</p> <p>It is your responsibility to notify your Home Institution of your intention to apply as the Department will only assess nominated applications.</p> <p>See section 3.3 for further information.</p>
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3.2 Application Process - Online

Applications should be submitted through Endeavour Online (EOL). Please note that this online application form is only accessible when the round is open.

Upon submission of an application, an email acknowledging receipt of the application will automatically be generated and forwarded to the email address (user ID) used to submit the application.

3.3 Application Process - Prime Minister's Australia Asia Scholarship (Outgoing Australian applicants only)

Applicants for the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Scholarships must be nominated by their Home University Contact Officer to be eligible. Contact Officers will receive an email with a PDF copy of the application only when an applicant selects the 'Print to PDF' button or when the application has been submitted.

If an applicant's University Contact Officer would like a copy of an application while it is still in draft status and editable by the applicant, the applicant must login and select the 'Print to PDF' button before they submit the application.

Due to confidentiality reasons Contact officers will not receive copies of the referee reports directly through Endeavour Online. They may request copies through the applicant.

A list of University Contact officers for the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Scholarships can be found at [University Contact Officers](#).

3.4 Application Process - Manual

Applicants may request a hard-copy application form by emailing endeavour@innovation.gov.au indicating in their email the reasons why they are unable to apply online. Hardcopy applications must be received by the Department by the closing date.

3.5 Endeavour Online

The online application system, Endeavour Online, allows applicants to enter their personal details and information on their proposed program and the required supporting documentation directly. Applicants may only view and submit their own applications.

To apply online, go to [Apply Now](#)

First-time users will need to register with the Endeavour Online system to create a user ID (the applicant's nominated email address and password). Once registered, applicants may create a new application or continue working on an existing application. New applications will be allocated a unique application number. This application number should be referred to in any correspondence with the Department.



**Applications do not have to be completed and submitted immediately.
They may be saved at any time and amended until submitted.**



**A Step by Step Guide to using the Endeavour Online Application System can be found at:
[Step by Step to Endeavour Online](#)**



Applicants wishing to be considered for more than one category are required to lodge a separate application for each category.

3.6 Assessment of Applications

The Department will check all applications submitted by the closing date to determine their eligibility (see [Section 6](#)).

The Department will then compile a short list of eligible applications using the published selection criteria (see [Section 6](#)).

An independent selection panel (see [Section 3.7](#)) will assess shortlisted applications against the selection criteria.

Departmental staff and/or selection panel members are required to adhere to the requirements of identification, disclosure and management of conflicts of interest when assessing applications. Any conflicts of interest will be managed by a Departmental probity officer in accordance with Departmental policy.

3.7 Selection Panels and Award Allocations

The selection panels will comprise at least three members, appointed by the Department. The panel members include eminent academics, professionals and government representatives.

Selection panel members will score applications against each specified selection criteria (see [Section 6](#)). The Endeavour Panel Assessment System (a component of Endeavour On-line specifically for selection panel members) will automatically combine the scores from all panel members and provide a final score for each individual applicant and an overall assessed list for the specific award category. The final assessment list is approved by the Department delegate prior to successful Award Holder names being noted by the Minister and/or Prime Minister.

The Department is unable to estimate how many Awards there might be for any one country in any one year. The number of Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships offered varies annually depending upon financial commitments, levels of demand and the number of meritorious applications received for each category. Although the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships are a merit based, competitive process, the final selection is also required to support current Australian Government priorities and strategic policy objectives and may target specific countries and regions for Awards.



Selection panel members' personal details are confidential and cannot be released to applicants.

3.8 Outcome of Applications

The Department will email all successful and unsuccessful applicants regarding the outcome of their applications by the end of December 2013.

Successful applicants will be required to accept their Award Offers online within 14 days of the offer. Applicants will also be required to sign and return a 'Declaration of Acceptance', which is attached to their notification letter, prior to their Award being confirmed.

Due to the high volume of applications received, the Department does not provide individual feedback on why an application was unsuccessful. There may be a number of reasons why an application received does not pass through to the next stage. Please see the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships website at the conclusion of the round for the most common reasons why Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship applications did not receive an Award offer.

3.9 Your Responsibility

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that they have read these Guidelines and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs).

Applicants should ensure that their application meets the eligibility requirements detailed in these guidelines. Applicants must also agree to the terms and conditions for each Award.

It is the applicants responsibility to ensure that correct supporting documentation, including referees' reports, are submitted by the due date. If supporting documentation is not received or attached to the application by the due date, the application will not be considered.

Applicants are responsible for all costs incurred in the preparation and lodgement of their applications.

3.10 Application Assistance

If you require any support to participate in the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships application process, please contact endeavour@innovation.gov.au

4. SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS INFORMATION (INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS ONLY)



Australian applicants see [Section 5](#).

4.1 Summary of Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships

Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Scholarships and Fellowships				
Category	Study Level	Duration	Total Value \$AUD	Further Information
Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship	Postgraduate study/research for an Australian Masters or PhD	Up to 2 years for a Masters Up to 4 years for a PhD	Up to \$228,500 (PhD) and \$118,500 (Masters)	Section 6.1
Prime Minister's Australia Asia Incoming Postgraduate Scholarship	Postgraduate study/research for an Australian PhD	Up to 4 years + up to 1 year optional internship	Up to \$263,500	Applicants cannot apply for this category; see Section 6.1 for further info.
Endeavour Research Fellowship (Including Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong and AIEC Research Fellowships)	Research towards a Master's degree or PhD (applicant is enrolled in their home country); or postdoctoral research	4 - 6 months	Up to \$23,500	Section 6.3
Vocational Education and Training Scholarships				
Type	Study Level	Duration	Total Value \$AUD	Further Information
Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship	Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree	1- 2 years + 6 months English Training (if required)	Up to \$119,500	Section 6.2
Executive Fellowships				
Type	Study Level	Duration	Total Value \$AUD	Further Information
Endeavour Executive Fellowship	Professional Development	1 - 4 months	Up to \$18,500	Section 6.5

4.2 Citizenship and/or Permanent Residency

International applicants applying for an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship must:

- (a) be citizens and/or permanent residents of a Participating Country and/or region and remain so for the duration of their Award; and,
- (b) not hold dual citizenship with Australia.

If an International Award Holder becomes an Australian citizen, holds Australian Permanent Residency status, holds dual citizenship with Australia or becomes a citizen and holds permanent residency status of a country that is not a participating country of the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships, the Award will be revoked or terminated from the date of effect. The Award Holder may continue their program but they will no longer be funded to do so.

4.3 Participating Countries & Regions

Category	Eligible Participating Countries & Regions
Prime Minister's Australia Asia Incoming Postgraduate Scholarship	People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong, and Macau SAR's), India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Viet Nam
Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship	<p>Americas: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela</p> <p>The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Europe: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus (Republic of), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, **Reunion, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland)</p> <p>Middle East: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen</p> <p>Pacific: Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated states of), Nauru, New Caledonia, *New Zealand (including Cook Islands), Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna.</p> <p>Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong and Macau SAR's), India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Singapore,</p>
Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship	
Endeavour Research Fellowship	
Endeavour Executive Fellowship	

	Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam.
Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Peoples Republic of China (including Hong Kong and Macau SAR's) Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.
Endeavour India Education Council (AIEC) Research Fellowship	India



*** New Zealand citizens and/or permanent residents cannot apply for the Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship or the Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship as New Zealand citizens who are studying in Australia do not pay overseas student fees and are considered to be domestic students rather than international students**



****Reunion is geographically located in Africa**

5. SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS INFORMATION (AUSTRALIAN APPLICANTS ONLY)



International applicants see [Section 4](#).

5.1 Summary of Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships

Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Scholarships and Fellowships				
Category	Study Level	Duration	Total Value \$AUD	Further Information
Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship	Postgraduate study/research for a Masters or PhD	Up to 2 years	Up to \$63,500	Section 6.6
Endeavour Research Fellowship (Including Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research and AIEC Research Fellowship)	Research towards a Masters degree or PhD (applicant is enrolled in their home country); or postdoctoral research	4 - 6 months	Up to \$23,500	Section 6.3
Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians	Research towards a Masters degree or PhD (applicant is enrolled in Australia); or postdoctoral research	4 - 6 months	Up to \$23,500	Section 6.4
Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship	Research towards a PhD (applicant is enrolled in Australia); or postdoctoral research	1 - 2 years	Up to \$118,000	Section 6.8
Undergraduate Scholarships				
Category	Study Level	Duration	Total Value \$AUD	Further Information
Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Undergraduate Scholarship	Bachelor Degree or Honours	Up to 2 years	Up to \$53,500	Section 6.7
Executive Fellowships				
Category	Study Level	Duration	Total Value \$AUD	Further Information
Endeavour Executive Fellowship	Professional Development	1 - 4 months	Up to \$18,500	Section 6.5

5.2 Citizenship and/or Permanent Residency

Australian applicants must be citizens and/or permanent residents of Australia.

Australian Award Holders must retain Australian Citizenship and/or Australian Permanent Residency status for the duration of their Award program. In the event that their Australian citizenship/residency status lapses, the Award will be revoked or terminated from the date of status change. The Award Holder may continue their program but they will no longer be funded to do so.

5.3 Participating (Destination) Countries & Regions

Category	Eligible Participating Destination Countries & Regions
Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate and Undergraduate Scholarships	People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong, and Macau SAR's), India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Viet Nam
Endeavour Executive Fellowship Endeavour Research Fellowship (including Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians) Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship	<p>Americas: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.</p> <p>The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p>Europe: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus (Republic of), Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, ***Reunion, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland).</p> <p>Middle East: Afghanistan*, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq*, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria*, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen*</p> <p>Pacific: Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated states of), Nauru, New Caledonia, **New Zealand (including Cook Islands), Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna.</p> <p>Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong and Macau SAR's), India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Viet Nam.</p>
Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship	Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Peoples Republic of China (including Hong Kong and Macau SAR's) Philippines,

	Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.
Endeavour India Education Council (AIEC) Research Fellowship	India



*** Applicants should reconsider choosing a host country or part of a country that has been assessed by DFAT as an area not to travel (Level 4) as a study program that involves such areas will not be approved. Visit the DFAT website for current information about countries that are considered a travel risk:**
<http://www.smartraveller.gov.au>.



**** If you are a New Zealand Citizen but hold official permanent residency status in Australia you must apply as an Australian (outgoing) applicant and provide sufficient evidence of your official permanent residency status in Australia. New Zealand citizens who do not hold official permanent residency status in Australia may apply as an international (incoming) applicant for an Endeavour Research Fellowship or Endeavour Executive Fellowship only.**



*****Reunion is geographically located in Africa**

6. SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS DETAILS, ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION CRITERIA

Category	International Applicants	Australian Applicants
Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarships (includes Prime Minister's Australia Asia Incoming Postgraduate Scholarship)	☑	☒
Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship	☑	☒
Endeavour Executive Fellowship	☑	☑
Endeavour Research Fellowships (includes Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong and AIEC Research Fellowships)	☑	☑
Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians	☒	☑
Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship	☒	☑
Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Undergraduate Scholarship	☒	☑
Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship	☒	☑

6.1 Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship (includes Prime Minister's Australia Asia Incoming Postgraduate Scholarship)

Description

The Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship provides financial support for international students for up to four (4) years to undertake a postgraduate qualification at a Masters or PhD level either by coursework or research in any field of study in Australia.

The Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship aims to:

- Enable high achieving international students to undertake a postgraduate qualification in their chosen field of study in Australia;
- Strengthen bilateral ties between Australia and the participating countries;
- Showcase Australia's education sector;
- Strengthen mutual understanding between the people of Australia and Award Holders' home countries, and
- Build international linkages and networks.

Prime Minister's Australia Asia Incoming Postgraduate Scholarship

The top twenty (20) recipients of the Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship (PhD only), from the ten eligible Asian countries and regions listed below, will be offered the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Postgraduate Scholarship and its additional benefits.

The Prime Minister's Australia Asia Incoming Postgraduate Scholarship provides financial support for international students for a maximum of four (4) years to undertake a postgraduate qualification at PhD level in any field of study in Australia. Award holders will also have the opportunity to undertake an optional internship in Australia for up to 12 months (minimum of 2 months) at the completion of their study program.

Citizens and/or Permanent Residents of India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Singapore, The People’s Republic of China (including Hong Kong, and Macau SAR’s), Taiwan, Thailand and Viet Nam are eligible for this Award.

All eligible international applicants for the Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship from the countries and regions listed above will automatically be considered for this Award. Applicants do not have to acknowledge that they want to be considered for a Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Postgraduate Scholarship.



International applicants should not contact their Australian host university regarding the Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Incoming Postgraduate Scholarships. The eligibility requirements and application process are the same as for the Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship.

Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)	Details
Travel Allowance	\$4,500	
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000	
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month	Up to 2 years for a Masters on a pro-rata basis Up to 4 years for a PhD on a pro-rata basis
Tuition Fees* <i>*includes any student service and amenities fees</i>	\$12,500 per semester	Up to 2 years for a Masters Up to 4 years for a PhD
Internship and Award Allocation	Up to \$35,000	For Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Incoming Award Holders only
Health Insurance	Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) will be provided	
Travel Insurance	Coverage provided for travel to and from Australia, not during.	
Total Value	Up to \$118,500 for Masters Up to \$228,500 for PhD Up to \$263,500 for Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Scholarship	

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of a participating country (see [Section 4.3](#)) and **must not** hold dual citizenship with Australia.
2. Award Holders **must commence** their Award after 1 January, 2014 and no later than 30 November 2014. Applicants who have already commenced or will commence their program at their host organisation prior to 2014 are ineligible.
3. Applicants who **currently hold** or who **have completed** an Australia Award after 1 January 2012 are **not eligible** to apply. Applicants are not eligible to apply in a category in which they have already completed an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship.
4. Applicants **must have completed** an undergraduate degree (minimum) at the time of application, demonstrating high academic achievement.
5. Applicants must have applied for and gained admission to a Masters or PhD course in Australia for commencement in 2014.

Selection Criteria

- A record of high-level academic achievement in the applicant's chosen field of study, (30%);
- A well-defined study and/or research program, (20%);
- A proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests of Australia and the applicant's home country, (15%);
- The applicant's potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation with Australia and potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in their home country on return from their program, (20%), and
- Evidence of service to the community. Unpaid service within the applicants' field of expertise, or unpaid community service in outside capacities, (15%).

Supporting Documentation required at the time of application - Further information on required documents can be found at [section 7](#).

Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship	Required Documents	Certified Copy Required
Evidence of Citizenship and/or permanent residency (if different from citizenship)	✓	✓
Evidence of Academic Achievement - Transcripts including subjects and scores	✓	✓
Evidence of language proficiency	✓	✓
Evidence of Admission - Formal Admission Letter from Host for commencement in 2014	✓	✗
Referee reports (3)	✓	✗
Evidence of community service	✓	✗

6.2 Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship

Description

The Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship provides financial support for up to two (2) years for international students from participating countries to undertake vocational education at a Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree level in any field of study in Australia. Six (6) months English language training in Australia will also be provided when the English language results fall within the specified requirements outlined in [Section 7.3](#). Vocational education and training provides occupational or work-related knowledge and skills. The courses are directly related to a trade, occupation or 'vocation' in which the applicant participates. These courses exclude degree and higher level programs normally delivered by universities.

The Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship aims to:

- Enable students from varied backgrounds to undertake study in Australia;
- Further develop Award Holders' knowledge and skills in their areas of expertise;
- Showcase Australia's vocational education and training sector;
- Strengthen mutual understanding between the people of Australia and Award Holders' home countries;
- Build international linkages and networks, and
- Address skills shortages in Award Holders' home countries.

Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)	Details
Travel Allowance	\$4,500	
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000	
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month	Up to 2 years on a pro-rata basis (additional 6 months if undertaking English Language Training)
Tuition Fees* <i>*includes any student service and amenities fees</i>	\$6,500 per semester	Maximum of \$13,000 per year
English Language Training	\$10,000	Up to 6 months, if required
Health Insurance	Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) will be provided	
Travel Insurance	Coverage provided for travel to and from Australia, not during.	
Total Value	Up to \$119,500	

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of a participating country (see [Section 4.3](#)) and **must not** hold dual citizenship with Australia.

2. Award Holders **must commence** their Award after 1 January, 2014 and no later than 30 November 2014. Applicants who have already commenced or will commence their program at their host organisation prior to 2014 are ineligible.
3. Applicants who **currently hold** or who **have completed** an Australia Award after 1 January 2012 are **not eligible** to apply. Applicants are not eligible to apply in a category in which they have already completed an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship
4. Applicants **must have completed** the equivalent to an Australian Year 10 secondary qualification (minimum) at the time of application.
5. Applicants must have applied for and gained admission to a Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree course at an Australian vocational education institution for commencement in 2014.

Selection Criteria

- A record of academic achievement in educational and vocational activities and a minimum of two years full-time or equivalent relevant work experience are highly desirable. Preference may be given to applicants with work experience that is directly related to their proposed course, (30%);
- A well-defined study and/or research program, (20%);
- A proposal that is relevant to the applicant's needs and to the needs and interests of Australia and the applicants' home country, (15%);
- The applicant's potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation with Australia and potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in their home country on return from their program, (20%), and
- Evidence of service to the community. Unpaid service within the applicants' field of expertise, or unpaid community service in outside capacities, (15%).

Supporting Documentation required at the time of application - Further information on required documents can be found at [section 7](#).

Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship	Required Documents	Certified Copy Required
Evidence of Citizenship and/or permanent residency (if different from citizenship)	✓	✓
Evidence of Academic Achievement - Transcripts including subjects and scores	✓	✓
Evidence of language proficiency	✓	✓
Evidence of Admission - Formal Admission Letter from Host for commencement in 2014	✓	✗
Referee reports (3)	✓	✗
Employment record / curriculum vitae	✓	✗
Evidence of community service	✓	✗

6.3 Endeavour Research Fellowships (including Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong and Australia India Education Council Research Fellowships)

Description

The Endeavour Research Fellowships provides financial support for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from participating countries to undertake short-term research (4-6 months) towards a Masters or PhD (which they are enrolled in a participating country) or postdoctoral research in any field of study in Australia; and for Australian postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows to undertake short term research (4-6 months) towards a Masters or PhD (which they are enrolled in Australia) or postdoctoral research, in any field of study, in participating countries.

Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowships

The **Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship** provides financial support for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from participating Asian countries to undertake short-term research (4-6 months), in any field of study, in Australia and for Australian's to do the same in participating Asian countries.

While the Cheung Kong Group has a history of supporting education through international scholarships, the Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Scholarship Program represents a unique partnership with the Australian Government to support postgraduate students from Australia and Asia to study in each other's home environments.

The top five (5) incoming (International) and the top five (5) outgoing (Australian) Endeavour Research Fellowship recipients coming from and/or going to a participating Australia Cheung Kong participating country will be offered an Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship.

Citizens of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, People's Republic of China (including Hong Kong and Macau SAR's), India, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea (South Korea), Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam are eligible for this Award.

All eligible Endeavour Research Fellowship applicants from the countries listed above will automatically be considered for this Award. Applicants do not have to acknowledge that they want to be considered for an Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowship.

Endeavour Australia India Education Council (AIEC) Research Fellowship

The **Endeavour Australia India Education Council (AIEC) Research Fellowship** provides financial support for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from Australia and India to undertake short-term research (4-6 months) in one another's countries.

Led by Australian and Indian education ministers, the AIEC brings together representatives of government, education and training organisations and industry to identify strategic goals of mutual benefit to both nations that will further strengthen the bilateral education, training and research relationship. The Endeavour AIEC Research Fellowships, intended to help strengthen the relationship, will commence in 2014. Further information on the AIEC can be found at www.australiaindiaeducation.com

One (1) incoming (Indian) researcher and one (1) outgoing (Australian) researcher will be offered an AIEC fellowship. Where this is not possible, either two incoming or two outgoing awards will be offered.

All eligible Endeavour Research Fellowship applicants proposing to travel to/from India or Australia as part of their research proposal will automatically be considered for the AIEC fellowship. However, preference will be given to those whose research proposals most clearly align with the award objectives, which include:

- progress of work and/or support for the activities of an AIEC working group in an AIEC thematic area; and
- support for the exchange of researchers and the fostering of links that will underpin the bilateral relationship into the future.

The Endeavour Research Fellowships aim to:

- Enable high achieving international scholars to undertake research in their chosen field of study in Australia and for Australians to do the same overseas;
- Further develop the social and economic environment of Australia and the participating countries;
- Further develop Award Holders’ knowledge and skills in their field of research;
- Strengthen bilateral ties between Australia and the participating countries;
- Showcase Australia’s educational sector;
- Strengthen mutual understanding between the people of Australia and Award Holders’ home countries, and
- Build international linkages and networks.

Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)	Details
Travel Allowance	\$4,500	
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000	
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month	Up to 6 months on a pro-rata basis
Health Insurance (International)	Health Cover will be provided for full period of Award	
Travel Insurance (International)	Coverage provided for travel to and from Australia, not during.	
Health & Travel Insurance (Australian)	Coverage provided for full period of Award.	
Total Value	Up to \$23,500	

Eligibility Requirements

1. International applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of a participating country (see [section 4.3](#)) and **must not** hold dual citizenship with Australia.
2. International applicants must be **currently enrolled** in a Masters or PhD course in a participating country for their Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Category or have had their PhD conferred and received their final results prior to the commencement of their Award program.
3. Australian applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of Australia.
4. Australian applicants must be currently **enrolled** in a Masters or PhD course in Australia or have had their PhD conferred and received their final results prior to the commencement of their Award program.

5. Award Holders **must commence** their Award after 1 January, 2014 and no later than 30 November 2014. Applicants who have already commenced or will commence their program at their host organisation prior to 2014 are ineligible.
6. International and Australian applicants who **currently hold** or who **have completed** an Australia Award after 1 January 2012 are **not eligible** to apply. Applicants are not eligible to apply in a category in which they have already completed an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship
7. International and Australian applicants must have **completed** an undergraduate degree (minimum) at the time of application, demonstrating high academic achievement. **Postdoctoral applicants must have had their PhD conferred and obtained their final results prior to the commencement of their Award.** If an applicant is uncertain about the conferment/completion date for their PhD they should apply for ‘research towards a PhD’. Successful applicants that have applied for postdoctoral research and are unable to commence prior to 30 November 2014, may be required to withdraw from their Award.
8. International and Australian applicants **must be** nominated by their **host** organisation and include a completed nomination form for commencement in 2014 with their application.

Selection Criteria

- A record of high-level academic achievement in the applicant’s chosen field of study, (30%);
- A well-defined study and/or research program, (20%);
- A proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests of Australia and the applicants home and host countries, (15%);
- The applicant’s potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation with Australia and potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in their home country on return from their program, (20%), and
- Evidence of service to the community. Unpaid service within the applicants’ field of expertise, or unpaid community service in outside capacities, (15%).

Supporting Documentation required at the time of application - Further information on required documents can be found at [section 7](#).

Endeavour Research Fellowships	Required Documents	Certified Copy Required
Proof of Citizenship and/or permanent residency (if different from citizenship)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of Academic Achievement - Transcripts including subjects and scores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of language proficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of enrolment or Evidence of expected conferment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of Nomination - Completed Nomination Form by the host organisation for 2014 commencement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referee reports (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of community service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.4 Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians

Description

The Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians provides financial support for Indigenous postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows to undertake short-term research (4-6 months) towards an Australian Masters or PhD; or postdoctoral research in any field of study in a participating country.

The Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians aims to:

- Enable high achieving Indigenous Australian scholars to undertake research in their chosen field of study in a participating country;
- Further develop the social and economic environment of Australia and the participating countries;
- Further develop Award Holders' knowledge and skills in their field of research;
- Strengthen bilateral ties between Australia and the participating countries;
- Showcase Australia's educational sector;
- Strengthen mutual understanding between the people of Australia and Award Holders' host countries, and
- Build international linkages and networks.

Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)	Details
Travel Allowance	\$4,500	
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000	
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month	Up to 6 months on a pro-rata basis
Health and Travel Insurance	Coverage provided for full period of Award.	
Total Value	Up to \$23,500	

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants **must be** citizens and/or permanent residents of Australia.
2. Applicants must be currently **enrolled** in a Masters or PhD course in Australia or have had their PhD conferred and received their final results prior to the commencement of their Award program.
3. Award Holders **must commence** their Award after 1 January, 2014 and no later than 30 November 2014. Applicants who have already commenced or will commence their program at their host organisation prior to 2014 are ineligible.
4. Applicants who **currently hold** or who have **completed** an Australia Award after 1 January 2012 are **not eligible** to apply. Applicants are not eligible to apply in a category in which they have already completed an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship

5. Applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree (minimum) at the time of application, demonstrating high academic achievement. **Postdoctoral applicants must have had their PhD conferred and obtained their final results prior to the commencement of their Award.** If an applicant is uncertain about the conferment/completion date for their PhD they should apply for ‘research towards a PhD’. Successful applicants that have applied for postdoctoral research and are unable to commence prior to 30 November 2014, may be required to withdraw from their Award.
6. Applicants **must be** nominated by their **host** organisation and include a completed nomination form for commencement in 2014 with their application.

Selection Criteria

- A record of high-level academic achievement in the applicant’s chosen field of study, (30%);
- A well-defined study and/or research program, (20%);
- A proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests of Australia and the applicants host country, (15%);
- The applicant’s potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation with their host country and potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in Australia on return from their program, (20%), and
- Evidence of service to the community. Unpaid service within the applicants’ field of expertise, or unpaid community service in outside capacities, (15%).

Supporting Documentation required at the time of application - Further information on required documents can be found at [section 7](#).

Endeavour Research Fellowships	Required Documents	Certified Copy Required
Proof of Citizenship and/or permanent residency (if different from citizenship)	✓	✓
Statement of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status	✓	✓
Evidence of Academic Achievement - Transcripts including subjects and scores	✓	✓
Evidence of language proficiency	✓	✓
Evidence of enrolment or Evidence of expected conferment	✓	✗
Evidence of Nomination – Completed Nomination Form by the host organisation for 2014 commencement	✓	✗
Referee reports (3)	✓	✗
Evidence of community service	✓	✗

6.5 Endeavour Executive Fellowship

Description

The Endeavour Executive Fellowship provides professional development opportunities of (1-4 months) for high achievers in business, industry, education or government from participating countries and for Australian's to do the same.

The Awards focus on building skills and knowledge through a host work environment rather than through formal enrolment in a study program at a host organisation and are not intended to fund direct academic research (if your activity will result in you receiving, or contributes to, a formal academic qualification, you will not be eligible to apply for an Endeavour Executive Fellowship).



Research based proposals are generally more suited for the Endeavour Research Fellowships. Please decide carefully if the Endeavour Executive Fellowship is the Award you should apply for as this Award is aimed at developing or learning new skills in your field or area of expertise rather than furthering your existing research interests and outcomes.

Professional development activities could include management training, peer-to-peer learning, mentoring, short courses and developing leadership skills.

Applicants must be nominated by their host organisation. The professional development activity must be vocationally useful while not being geared toward an immediate commercial outcome as its purpose.



It is the responsibility of the applicant to research and find an appropriate host organisation and develop their proposed professional development program.

The Endeavour Executive Fellowship aims to:

- Enable high achieving professionals to further develop their skills, knowledge and leadership capabilities;
- Deepen professional engagements between Australia and participating countries;
- Strengthen mutual understanding between the people of Australia and Award Holders' host countries;
- Build international linkages and networks, and
- Allow professionals the opportunity, on returning to their home country, to share their updated skills and knowledge with colleagues.

Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)	Details
Travel Allowance	\$4,500	
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000	
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month	Up to 4 months on a pro-rata basis
Health Insurance (International)	Health Cover will be provided for full period of Award	
Travel Insurance (International)	Coverage provided for travel to and from Australia, not during.	
Health & Travel Insurance (Australian)	Coverage provided for full period of Award.	
Total Value	Up to \$18,500	

Eligibility Requirements

1. International applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of a participating country (see [Section 4.3](#)) and **must not** hold dual citizenship with Australia.
2. Australian applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of Australia.
3. Award Holders **must commence** their Award after 1 January, 2014 and no later than 30 November 2014. Applicants who have already commenced or will commence their program at their host organisation prior to 2014 are ineligible.
4. International and Australian applicants who **currently hold** or who **have completed** an Australia Award after 1 January 2012 are **not eligible** to apply. Applicants are not eligible to apply in a category in which they have already completed an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship
5. International and Australian applicants **must have completed** either an Australian Year 12 secondary qualification or equivalent or a trade or vocational qualification of at least Certificate III level or above¹ or an undergraduate degree (minimum) at the time of application. If your activity will result in you receiving or contributes to a formal academic qualification, you will **not be eligible** to apply for an Endeavour Executive Fellowship.
6. International and Australian applicants **must be** nominated by their **host** organisation and include a completed nomination form for commencement in 2014 with their application.

¹ The Australian qualification at the Cert III level or above (or a similar level international qualification) must comply with the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#) or an equivalent national governing body.



If you have more than one host, you must provide multiple nomination forms

Selection Criteria

- A record of good academic achievement and a minimum of five years full-time or equivalent relevant work experience are highly desirable. Preference may be given to applicants with work experience that is directly related to their proposed activity, (25%);
- A proposal that demonstrates how you will enhance your existing skills and stay informed of new developments relevant to your skills and interests of your home and host country, (20%);
- The applicant's potential to participate fully in their profession or the wider community on their return home demonstrating how the activity will build and extend on the applicant's leadership capabilities, (20%);
- The potential for ongoing links between the host and home organisations, (20%), and
- Evidence of service to the community. Unpaid service within the applicants' field of expertise, or unpaid community service in outside capacities, (15%).

Supporting Documentation required at the time of Application - Further information on required documents can be found at [section 7](#).

Endeavour Executive Fellowship	Required Documents	Certified Copy Required
Evidence of citizenship and/or permanent residency (if different from citizenship)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of academic achievement - transcripts including subjects and scores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of language proficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of nomination – completed nomination form by the host organisation for 2014 commencement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referee reports (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment record / curriculum vitae	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of community service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.6 Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship

Description

The Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship provides financial support for Australian postgraduate students to undertake study or research in Asia towards their Australian postgraduate qualification, at Masters or PhD level either by coursework or research, in any field of study.

Award Holders will have the opportunity to enrich their academic experience through exposure to unique education systems, teaching expertise and comparative perspectives while studying in distinctive locations or undertaking collaborative research at leading universities in Asia.

There are two stages to the Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship. Stage one of the Award is the full-time study or research component for up to 12 months (one semester or 6 months minimum). Stage two of the Award is an internship component. Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship recipients will also have the opportunity to undertake an optional internship for up to 12 months (minimum of 2 months) at the completion of their study program. See [section 2.11](#) for further information.

Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Scholarship aim to:

- Develop internationally-aware, skilled future leaders;
- Build human capital within organisations and contributing to productivity gains and innovations, and
- Establish enduring education and professional linkages.



Applicants for the Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship must be nominated by their Home University to be eligible. See [Section 3.3](#) for further information.

Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)	Details
Travel Allowance	\$4,500	
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000	
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month	Up to 1 year on a pro-rata basis
Award allocation	\$10,000 per semester	Maximum of \$20,000
Internship allocation	\$5,000	Received once an internship has been approved
Health & Travel Insurance	Coverage provided for full period of Award.	
Total Value	Up to \$63,500	

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of Australia.
2. Applicants must be **currently enrolled** in a Masters or PhD course at their Australian institution at the time of application and throughout the study component of the Award and be in at least their second year of postgraduate study in 2014.
3. Award Holders **must commence** their Award after 1 January, 2014 and no later than 30 November 2014. Applicants who have already commenced or will commence their program at their host organisation prior to 2014 are ineligible.
4. Applicants who **currently hold** or who **have completed** an Australia Award after 1 January 2012 are **not eligible** to apply. Applicants are not eligible to apply in a category in which they have already completed an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship
5. Applicants must have **completed** an undergraduate degree (minimum) at the time of application, demonstrating high academic achievement.
6. Applicants must provide confirmation of **affiliation** with their **host** institution.

Selection Criteria

- A record of high-level academic achievement in the applicant's chosen field of study, (30%);
- A well-defined study or research program, (20%);
- A proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests of Australia and the applicant's host country, (15%);
- The applicant's potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation with the host country and potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in Australia on return from their program, (20%), and
- Evidence of service to the community. Unpaid service within the applicants' field of expertise, or unpaid community service in outside capacities, (15%).

Supporting Documentation required at the time of Application - Further information on required documents can be found at [section 7](#).

Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarship	Required Documents	Certified Copy Required
Evidence of citizenship and/or permanent residency (if different from citizenship)	✓	✓
Evidence of academic achievement - transcripts showing subjects and scores	✓	✓
Evidence of affiliation with the Host Institution for commencement in 2014	✓	✗
Evidence of enrolment	✓	✗
Referee reports (3)	✓	✗
Evidence of community service	✓	✗

6.7 Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Undergraduate Scholarship

Description

The Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Undergraduate Scholarship provides financial support for Australian undergraduate students to undertake study or research in Asia towards their Australian undergraduate qualification, at Bachelor or Honours level either by coursework or research, in any field of study.

Award Holders will have the opportunity to enrich their academic experience through exposure to unique education systems, teaching expertise and comparative perspectives while studying in distinctive locations or undertaking collaborative research at leading universities in Asia.

There are two stages to the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Undergraduate Scholarship. Stage one of the Award is the full-time study component for up to 12 months (one semester or 6 months minimum). Stage two of the Award is a mandatory internship component. Award holders will undertake an internship for up to 12 months (minimum of 2 months) at the completion of their study program. See [section 2.11](#) for further information.

Prime Minister's Australia Asia Scholarship aim to:

- Develop internationally-aware, skilled future leaders;
- Build human capital within organisations and contributing to productivity gains and innovations, and
- Establish enduring education and professional linkages.



Applicants for the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Undergraduate Scholarship must be nominated by their Home University to be eligible. See [Section 3.3](#) for further information.

Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)	Details
Travel Allowance	\$4,500	
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000	
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month	Up to 1 year on a pro-rata basis
Award allocation	\$5,000 per semester	Maximum of \$10,000
Internship allocation	\$5,000	Received once an internship has been approved
Health & Travel Insurance	Coverage provided for full period of Award.	
Total Value	Up to \$53,500	

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of Australia.
2. Applicants must be **currently enrolled** in an undergraduate degree at their Australia institution at the time of application and throughout the study component of the Award and be in at least their second year of a Bachelors course or expecting to commence their Honours Degree in 2014.
3. Award Holders **must commence** their Award after 1 January, 2014 and no later than 30 November 2014. Applicants who have already commenced or will commence their program at their host organisation prior to 2014 are ineligible.
4. Applicants who **currently hold** or who **have completed** an Australia Award after 1 January 2012 are **not eligible** to apply. Applicants are not eligible to apply in a category in which they have already completed an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship
5. Applicants must provide confirmation of **affiliation** with their **host** institution.

Selection Criteria

- A record of high-level academic achievement in the applicant's chosen field of study, (30%);
- A well-defined study or research program, (20%);
- A proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests of Australia and the applicant's host country, (15%);
- A proposal that will contribute to the achievement of personal goals, to academic success and to planned career pathways or goals, (20%) and
- Evidence of service to the community. Unpaid service within the applicants' field of expertise, or unpaid community service in outside capacities, (15%).

Supporting Documentation required at the time of application - Further information on required documents can be found at [section 7](#).

Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Undergraduate Scholarship	Required Documents	Certified Copy Required
Evidence of citizenship and/or permanent residency (if different from citizenship)	✓	✓
Evidence of academic achievement - transcripts showing subjects and scores	✓	✓
Evidence of affiliation with the Host Institution for commencement in 2014	✓	✗
Evidence of enrolment	✓	✗
Referee reports (3)	✓	✗
Evidence of community service	✓	✗

6.8 Prime Minister’s Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship

Description

The Prime Minister’s Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship marks the 60th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty the Queen and will be awarded to a high achieving Australian female student who will contribute to the advancement of women’s leadership in Australia.

The Prime Minister’s Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship will provide financial support for an Australian female postgraduate and/or postdoctoral fellow to undertake study and/or research (1-2 years) towards an Australian-enrolled PhD or undertake postdoctoral research within a participating country [see section 5.3](#) , in any field of study.

The top female recipient undertaking study and/or research will be offered the Prime Minister’s Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Scholarship and its benefits.

The Prime Minister’s Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship aims to:

- Lead the advancement of women’s leadership in Australia and support other women to achieve their leadership aspirations;
- Develop an internationally-aware, skilled future leader;
- Build human capital within organisations and contribute to productivity gains and innovations, and
- Establish enduring education and professional linkages.

Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)	Details
Travel Allowance	\$4,500	
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000	
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month	Up to 2 years on a pro-rata basis
Award Allocation	\$12,500 per semester	Up to 2 years on a pro-rata basis
Health & Travel Insurance	Coverage provided for full period of Award.	
Total Value	Up to \$118,500	

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants **must be** citizens and/or permanent residents of Australia.
2. Applicants must be **currently enrolled** in a PhD course in Australia or have had their PhD conferred and received their final results prior to the commencement of their Award program.
3. Award Holders **must commence** their Award after 1 January, 2014 and no later than 30 November 2014. Applicants who have already commenced or will commence their program at their host organisation prior to 2014 are ineligible.

4. Applicants who **currently hold** or who **have completed** an Australia Award after 1 January 2012 are **not eligible** to apply. Applicants are not eligible to apply in a category in which they have already completed an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship
7. Applicants must have **completed** an undergraduate degree (minimum) at the time of application, demonstrating high academic achievement. **Postdoctoral applicants must have had their PhD conferred and obtained their final results prior to the commencement of their Award.** If an applicant is uncertain about the conferment/completion date for their PhD they should apply for 'research towards a PhD'. Successful applicants that have applied for postdoctoral research and are unable to commence prior to 30 November 2014, may be required to withdraw from their Award.
5. Applicants **must be** nominated by their **host** organisation and include a completed nomination form for commencement in 2014 with their application.

Selection Criteria

- A record of high-level academic achievement in the applicant's chosen field of study, (30%);
- A well-defined study or research program, (20%);
- A proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests of women's leadership in Australia and the applicants host country, (15%);
- The applicant's potential to lead the advancement of women's leadership and foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation with Australia and potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in Australia on return from their program, (20%), and
- Evidence of service to the community. Unpaid service within the applicants' field of expertise, or unpaid community service in outside capacities, (15%).

Supporting Documentation required at the time of application - Further information on required documents can be found at [section 7](#).

The Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship	Required Documents	Certified Copy Required
Proof of Citizenship and/or permanent residency (if different from citizenship)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of Academic Achievement - Transcripts including subjects and scores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of language proficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of enrolment or Evidence of expected conferment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of Nomination - Completed Nomination Form by the host organisation for 2014 commencement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Referee reports (3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of community service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal statement of your potential to lead the advancement of women's leadership in Australia (please include this in your personal statement)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION DETAILS

7.1 Certifying Documents

Applicants **must** certify (attest) their proof of citizenship and/or permanent residency (if applicable), proof of Language proficiency (IELTS or TOEFL results included) and transcripts. Information about the certification of documents is below.

To certify a document as a true copy, applicants should present the original document and a copy to a Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Oaths, Public Notary or other formally recognised authority. This could include lawyers, doctors, civil servants, teachers, your work supervisor, university Dean or course convener.

The official should sight the original and the copy of the document and ‘certify’ the copy by writing “**I certify that the copy is a true copy of the original document**”. The official should stamp (if available) and sign under the statement and provide details of their occupation.

Please note that the cost of any fees charged by notaries for certification of documents is the responsibility of the applicant.

When submitting an online application, applicants should scan the certified true copies of their supporting documents (not the originals) and attach them as .pdf, .doc or .rtf files. The system will not accept .jpeg files. **Do not send original documents to the Department.**



If you do not provide the required documentation as specified for each Award Category, your application will be deemed incomplete and therefore ineligible and will not be considered further. The Department cannot assess your qualifications without this information.

7.2 Evidence of Citizenship and/or Permanent Residency

Proof of citizenship

Applicants must provide one of the following:

- Certified/attested copy of the data page of a current **passport** showing full name, date of birth and country of citizenship, or
- Certified/attested copy of a **birth certificate** or **national identity card** showing full name, date of birth, and country of citizenship. If the original document is not in English, an official certified English translation must be provided.

Proof of permanent residency (only provide this if it is different to your country of citizenship)

- Certified/attested copy of official documentation showing evidence of permanent residency status.

7.3 Evidence of Language Proficiency

Applicants must provide **one** of the following (a, b or c) to satisfy documentation requirements:

- a. **IELTS** - A certified/attested copy of an official valid **IELTS Academic Test result**. IELTS results are valid for 2 years. Tests that are provided with test date that is **before 30 June 2011** will not be accepted and the application will be marked ineligible. Test scores will need to meet the minimum Award requirements (see table below);

OR

TOEFL - A certified/attested copy of an official valid TOEFL result. TOEFL results are valid for 2 years. Tests that are provided with test date that is **before 30 June 2011** will not be accepted and the application will be marked ineligible. Test scores will need to meet the minimum Award requirements (see table below).

Applicants must book in for TOEFL or IELTS tests as early as possible as places fill up quickly. It is the applicant's responsibility to arrange this themselves as no late results will be accepted.

OR

- b. A **certified academic transcript** as proof of completion of **one full year** of study (levels listed below) conducted in **English** in one of the following listed countries:

American Samoa, Australia, Botswana, Canada, Fiji, Ghana, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom (including Northern Ireland), United States of America, Zambia or Zimbabwe.

(The list of countries for applicants to provide language proof of one year study is determined by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) and is part of a collective agreement with Australian Universities.)

- **University level minimum** – Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarships, Endeavour Research Fellowships, Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians and Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships.
- **Year 12 minimum equivalent** - Endeavour Executive Fellowships
- **year 10 minimum equivalent** - Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship

Applicants must have been physically studying in the listed country (not by correspondence).

OR

- c. Endeavour Research Fellowships, Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians, Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship and Endeavour Executive Fellowship applicants **ONLY**. Host Organisation confirmation (as per the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Nomination Form) that your language ability is suitable for your proposed program.

Proficiency Test	Requirements for the Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarships, Research Fellowships, Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Fellowship and Endeavour Executive Fellowships	Requirements for Endeavour VET Scholarship
IELTS - Academic Test result ONLY	Overall score of 6.5 with no individual band less than 6.0	Overall score of 5.0 with no individual band less than 4.5. English language training will be provided to successful Endeavour VET Scholarship recipients who have obtained an overall score of 5.0 but below 6.0 (not including 6.0).
TOEFL - Paper Based Test (PBT)	Score of 580 including a TWE (Test of Written English) score of 4.5	Score of 510 including a Test of Written English (TWE) score of no less than 4.0. English language training will be provided to successful Endeavour VET Scholarship recipients who have obtained a score of 510 including a TWE score of 4.0 or above but below 550 including a TWE score of 4.5.
TOEFL - Computer Based Test (CBT)	Score of 230 including an Essay Rating score of 4.5	Score of 180 with an essay rating score of no less than 4.0. English language training will be provided to successful Endeavour VET Scholarship recipients who have obtained a score of 180 including essay score of 4.0 or above but below 213 including essay rating score of 4.5.
TOEFL - Internet Based Test (IBT)	Overall score of 90 with a minimum score of 22 in the writing section and no less than 20 in the other sections	Overall score of 64. Note: English language training will be provided to successful Endeavour VET Scholarship recipients who have obtained an overall score of 64 or above but below 80.

Please note that the above eligibility requirements are only for the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships mentioned above. Applicants will still need to meet English language requirements for entry into the proposed organisation/institution if required.

7.4 Transcripts

For the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Scholarship, the Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship, the Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship and the Endeavour Research Fellowships (including Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians)

- Certified (attested) copy of **academic transcripts** (undergraduate degree minimum). This is additional to your certificate.
- Applicants **must provide one numerically weighted transcript that shows the subjects and scores**. If you do not have a transcript for your PhD, you must provide a Bachelors or Masters transcript.
- Academic transcripts must be accompanied by an explanation of the marking system.

- If the transcript is not in English, a certified (attested) English translation must be provided. Do not include the academic transcript in the original language.

For the Endeavour VET Scholarship

- Certified (attested) copy of **academic transcripts** (equivalent to an Australian Year 10 secondary qualification minimum). This is additional to your certificate.
- Applicants must **provide one numerically weighted transcript that shows the subjects and scores**.
- Academic transcripts must be accompanied by an explanation of the marking system.
- If the transcript is not in English, a certified (attested) English translation must be provided. Do not include the academic transcript in the original language.

For the Endeavour Executive Fellowship

- Certified (attested) copy of **academic transcripts** (equivalent to an Australian Year 12 secondary qualification, or a trade or vocational qualification of a least certificate III level or above (AQF accredited² minimum). This is additional to your certificate.
- Applicants must **provide one numerically weighted transcript that shows the subjects and scores**.
- Academic transcripts must be accompanied by an explanation of the marking system.
- If the transcript is not in English, a certified (attested) English translation must be provided. Do not include the academic transcript in the original language.

7.5 Evidence of Enrolment in Home Country / Evidence of Expected Conferment

For the Endeavour Research Fellowship (including Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians) and the Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship

- **International applicants** - must be **currently enrolled** in a Masters or PhD course in a participating country for their Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Category or have had their **PhD conferred** and received their final results prior to the commencement of their Award program.
- Applicants must provide evidence in the form of:
 1. Transcripts showing the start and end dates of their postgraduate study; or
 2. a letter from their home institution confirming that they are currently enrolled in a Masters or PhD course; or Confirmation in the form of a final transcript or letter from their home institution to state that their PhD has been conferred and they have obtained their final results or when conferment is expected. If an applicant is uncertain about the conferment/completion date for their PhD they should apply for 'research towards a PhD'. Successful applicants that have applied for postdoctoral research and are unable to commence prior to 30 November 2014, may be required to withdraw from their Award.

² The Australian qualification at the Cert III level or above (or a similar level international qualification) must comply with the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#) or an equivalent national governing body.

- **Australian applicants** - must be **currently enrolled** in a Masters or PhD (**PhD only for PM QE II**) course in Australia or have had their **PhD conferred** and received their final results prior to the commencement of their Award program.
- Applicants must provide evidence in the form of:
 3. Transcripts showing the start and end dates of their postgraduate study; or
 4. a letter from their home institution confirming that they are currently enrolled in a Masters or PhD course; or
 5. Confirmation in the form of a final transcript or letter from their home institution to state that their PhD has been conferred and they have obtained their final results or when conferment is expected. If an applicant is uncertain about the conferment/completion date for their PhD they should apply for 'research towards a PhD'. Successful applicants that have applied for postdoctoral research and are unable to commence prior to 30 November 2014, may be required to withdraw from their Award.

For the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate Scholarships

- Applicants must be currently enrolled in a Masters or PhD course at their Australian institution at the time of application and throughout the study component of the Award and be in at least their second year of postgraduate study in 2014.
- Applicants must provide evidence in the form of:
 6. Transcript showing the start and end dates of their postgraduate study; or
 7. A letter from their home institution confirming that they are currently enrolled and will be in at least their second year of postgraduate study in 2014.

For the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Undergraduate Scholarships

- Applicants must be **currently enrolled** in an undergraduate degree at their Australia institution at the time of application and throughout the study component of the Award and be in at least their **second year** of a Bachelors course or expecting to commence their Honours Degree in 2014.
- Applicants must provide evidence in the form of:
 8. Transcript showing the start and end dates of their undergraduate study; or
 9. a letter from their home institution confirming that they are currently enrolled and will be in at least their second year of a Bachelors course or expecting to commence their Honours Degree in 2014.

7.6 Evidence of Admission

Applicants must have applied for and gained **admission in Australia** for the **2014** academic year. Conditional letters of Admission will be accepted at the time of application. Please note that the Department cannot assist applicants with acquiring their admission letters and the Department does not contact Institutions to check details of the admission letter.

A letter to potential institutions to assist in your application for admission is attached to the last page of these Guidelines (see Section 8).

For the Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship (PhD or Masters)

- Applicants applying for an Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship must have applied for and gained admission to a Masters or PhD course **in Australia** and provide a formal Admission letter from their Host. Applicants may also provide a Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) from their Host.
- Commencement of the course **must be for 2014** and stated clearly in the Admission/COE letter. If Admission has been received for 2013 (semester 1 or 2) the application will be deemed ineligible. If deferment for commencement in 2014 has been approved by the institution, evidence in the form of an updated Admission letter from the institution acknowledging that deferment has been approved for 2014 commencement **must be provided**.
- Conditional Admission letters will be accepted at the time of application. Please note that you will not be funded for Masters level study leading to a PhD - you must choose one, either Masters or PhD level study.
- Your application will be accepted if you are required to undertake a Graduate Diploma for entry into a Masters Degree. You must be accepted into both the Graduate Diploma and Masters Degree at the time of application and provide evidence in your admission documentation.
- ***For the Endeavour VET Scholarship***
- Applicants applying for an Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarship must have applied for and gained admission to a Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree course **at an Australian** vocational education institution and provide a formal Admission letter from their Host. Applicants may also provide a Confirmation of Enrolment (COE) from their Host.
- Commencement of the course **must be for 2014** and stated clearly in the Admission/COE letter. If Admission has been received for 2013 (semester 1 or 2) the application will be deemed ineligible. If deferment for commencement in 2014 has been approved by the institution, evidence in the form of an updated Admission letter from the institution acknowledging that deferment has been approved for 2014 commencement must be provided.
- Conditional Admission letters will be accepted at the time of application. Please note that if your admission letter contains prerequisites (i.e. certificate IV leading into a Diploma), these must be included in the admission letter. The Department **will not accept** two separate admission letters.

7.7 Evidence of Nomination

For the Endeavour Executive Fellowship, Endeavour Research Fellowship (including Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians) and Prime Minister's Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship

At least **one** completed nomination form must be submitted **electronically via the electronic nomination form** on the Endeavour Online System.

Applicants **must** be nominated by their **host** organisation. If an applicant has multiple host organisations they should enter the details and receive a completed nomination form from each of their hosts. Applicants will only be able to submit an application when they have at least one nomination form in 'Completed' status.

It is the applicant's responsibility to monitor and maintain nomination forms and ensure their host completes and returns the form in sufficient time to submit the application by the closing date.

The option for a paper based nomination form has been removed due to fraudulent documents being received. If the applicants' nominator is unable to complete the form electronically, they may request a paper

based form template by sending an email directly to the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Team stating the reason why they are unable to complete the electronic form so that details can be registered. Nomination form requests must be received from the nominator, requests from applicants will not be accepted.

7.8 Evidence of Affiliation

For Prime Minister's Australia Asia Outgoing Postgraduate and Undergraduate Scholarships

Applicants must provide at least **one** of the following pieces of documentation confirming their **affiliation** with their **host** institution:

1. Provide a **formal Admission** letter from their Host for commencement in 2014. Conditional Admission letters of offer will be accepted at the time of application; or
2. Provide **evidence of communication with the host** in the form of a letter (on university letterhead) or email for commencement in 2014; or
3. Provide a **letter from the home university** detailing the partnership arrangements between the home and host institutions for commencement in 2014 (must be on the university's letterhead).

7.9 Referee Reports

Three completed referee reports must be submitted **electronically via the electronic referee form** on the Endeavour Online system.

Two referee reports should be from supervisors, lecturers or course convenors that are familiar with the applicant's recent academic performance and abilities. If it has been some time since the applicant has finished studying, they may wish to choose referees who know them in a professional capacity e.g. employers or business associates.

One referee report should be a non-academic or character reference. It is highly recommended that your non-academic referee reports are from professional colleagues or associates rather than from family members or friends. Referees are asked to answer all the questions in the report and comment as freely as possible to increase the applicant's chances of being selected.

It is the applicant's responsibility to monitor and maintain referee reports and ensure their referee completes and returns the reports in sufficient time to submit the application by the closing date.

The option for a paper based referee report has been removed due to fraudulent documents being received. If the applicants referee is unable to complete the report electronically, they may request a paper based report template by sending an email directly to the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Team stating the reason why they are unable to complete the electronic report so that details can be registered. Referee report requests must be received from the referee, requests from applicants will not be accepted.

7.10 Statement of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Status

Applicants for the Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and are accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived. Applicants must provide written documentation to the Department's satisfaction verifying that he or she is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by providing Confirmation of Indigenous Status via: (i) a certified birth record or genealogy as applicable to the applicant; or (ii) a letter signed by the Chairperson of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander incorporated organisation (where records are not available).

7.11 Employment Record/CV

To assist us with assessing your application, please supply a letter from your current employer or past employers confirming your position and length of employment with them.

7.12 Evidence of Community Service

You will need to provide details and evidence of your service to the community. Unpaid service within your field of expertise, or unpaid community service in outside capacities. This may include community service in unrelated fields within the arts, culture, environment, multiculturalism, healthcare, education, civic duty, business innovation, community volunteerism, sports and recreation, youth, seniors or indigenous leadership. Some examples are below:

- Charity work such as working for Amnesty International;
- Volunteering, mentoring, coaching or instructing, umpiring or refereeing;
- Honorary service to university organisations, such as the student union, sporting clubs or student representative council;
- Honorary service on school or university newspapers, clubs or activities;
- Honorary service to community organisations such as legal aid offices outside normal degree requirements;
- Honorary service to the local area e.g. organising a voter registration campaign;
- Election to office in community organisations;
- Significant contributions towards reconciliation or closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

This involvement could include an ability to lead and motivate others as well as displaying a talent for new solutions, ideas and enterprises that show originality and must be outside of your regular studies and/or employment duties.

Evidence may include but is not limited to, a certificate of appreciation, letter of acknowledgement, letter from the community service provider, club or centre. Additionally, one of your referees may wish to confirm your community service.

8. OTHER INFORMATION

8.1 Disclaimer

The Australian Government will not accept responsibility for any misunderstanding arising from the failure by an applicant to comply with these Guidelines, or arising from any ambiguity, discrepancy or error contained in an application.

Applicants are responsible for all costs incurred in the preparation and lodgement of their applications.

8.2 False or Misleading Information

Applicants should be aware that giving false or misleading information to the Commonwealth is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)*.

Applications may be disregarded, Offers of an Award revoked or an Award terminated if in the belief of the Department false or misleading information has formed a component of an application.

8.3 Intellectual Property

Intellectual Property (IP) rights will depend on the policy of the host organisation, any IP laws of the home country and any agreement which may have been negotiated between the Award Holder and the host organisation. The Australian Government does not require or request copies of any research material, and does not wish to maintain any IP rights. If the Australian Government does procure copies of this material and uses it in some way, it must have a license to do so. This would be negotiated in a license agreement between the owner of the IP rights, i.e. the student or the host organisation and the Australian Government. In addition, wherever any work is reproduced, the creator of the work must be identified. If an Award Holder has further concerns, they should seek independent legal advice about the ownership and IP rights for any research material.

8.4 Conflict of Interest

The APS Code of Conduct (section 13(7) of the *Public Service Act 1999*) requires that APS employees disclose, and take reasonable steps to avoid, any conflict of interest (real or apparent) in connection with their APS employment. It is also in the interests of all employees that the firms and people we do business with are confident that we act in accordance with the Code of Conduct and do not make improper use of information.

There is also obligation under the *Public Service Regulations 1999* on employees not to disclose any information about public business or anything of which the employee has official knowledge and, under the Crimes Act 1914, it is an offence for an employee to publish or communicate such information.

8.5 Evaluation of the Program

The Department evaluates the Australia Award - Endeavour Scholarship and Fellowships program on a regular basis.

The Endeavour Online System (EOL) is used by the Contractor and the Department for performance monitoring and management of the Awards. EOL is used to collect information about applicants applying for Awards, including program outcome and performance (including Progress and Final Reports).

The Exit Survey is completed by an Endeavour recipient upon completion of their program. It is used as an evaluative tool for a recipient's experience. It is also an opportunity for a recipient to share their personal journey. Questions in the survey are reflective of both the Australian Government and the Endeavour Scholarship and Fellowships objectives.

Information gathered from the Exit Survey is used to formally evaluate the Program and continually improve the program. Information is also used to create testimonials for promotional material.

Additionally, Award Holders are encouraged to join the Australia Award Alumni Network (AAAN) to take part in post-award monitoring and evaluation activities.

8.6 Legislative Authority

The Arrangement under which public money is, or may become payable by the Commonwealth for the Australia Awards – Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowship can be found in *Schedule 1AA, Part 4, 418.076 International Education and Training of the Financial Management and Accountability Regulations 1997*.

8.7 Privacy

Privacy Act 1988

The Department and its Contractor are bound by the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Privacy Act). Section 14 of the Privacy Act contains the Information Privacy Principles (IPPs), which prescribe the rules for handling personal information. Personal information is defined in section 6 of the Privacy Act as:

“information or an opinion (including information or an opinion forming part of a database), whether true or not, and whether recorded in a material form or not, about an individual whose identity is apparent, or can reasonably be ascertained, from the information or opinion”.

Personal information provided to the Department in relation to applications under the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships will only be used by the Department for the following purposes (‘the purposes’):

- (a) Administering the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships,
- (b) assessing applications;
- (c) promoting the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarship and Fellowships, including promotional material, information and publications in hardcopy and/or on the internet;
- (d) to congratulate successful recipients and/or invite the successful award recipients to functions and events held in Australia and overseas.

The Department may disclose personal information provided to the Department in relation to applications under the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships:

- to Australian Government departments and agencies;
- to Australian Parliamentary members and committees;
- to the Department’s contractors and agents;
- to Universities; and
- in publicly available promotional material, information and publications in hardcopy and/or on the internet.

to be used for the purposes listed above.

Complaints about breaches of privacy should be referred to the Privacy Contact Officer.

By post: Privacy Contact Officer

Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Science, Research and Tertiary Education
GPO Box 9839, Canberra, ACT, Australia 2601

By email: privacy@innovation.gov.au ***Do not send general Endeavour Scholarships or Fellowships questions to this address.**

Complaints about breaches of privacy can also be made directly to the Privacy Commissioner. The Privacy Commissioner may be contacted by telephone on 1300 363 992.

8.8 Freedom of Information

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) applies to information in The Department's possession, including information with regard to the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships.

The FOI Act creates a general right of access to such information. This right of access is limited only by exceptions and exemptions necessary for the protection of the public interest and the private and business affairs of individuals and organisations.

A decision regarding a request for access under the FOI Act will be made by an authorised FOI decision-maker in accordance with the requirements of the FOI Act.

Where documents within the scope of an FOI request contain personal information or information which relates to the business, commercial or financial affairs of third parties, the FOI Act generally requires the decision-maker to consult with individuals affected prior to making any decision on access to such documents.

Requests under the FOI Act should be made to the FOI Team Leader.

By post: FOI Coordinator

Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education

GPO Box 9839, Canberra, ACT, Australia 2601

By email: foi@innovation.gov.au ***Do not send general Endeavour Scholarships or Fellowships questions to this address.**

By delivery in person: To the Department at the address of any central or regional offices specified in a current telephone directory

For information on making a request under the FOI Act for access to information in the Department's possession please see:

<http://www.innovation.gov.au/AboutUs/InformationPublicationScheme/Pages/FreedomofInformation.aspx>

Complaints about the Department's actions under the FOI Act can be made directly to the Freedom of Information Commissioner. The Freedom of Information Commissioner may be contacted by telephone on 1300 363 992.

8.9 Commonwealth Ombudsman

If an applicant, or any other person, is dissatisfied with the administration of the Australia Awards Endeavour Scholarship and Fellowships, Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships component, they can raise their concerns with the Commonwealth Ombudsman. The Commonwealth Ombudsman may be contacted by telephone on 1300 362 072.



Australia Awards

2014 Australia Award Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarships and Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Scholarships

Dear Admissions Office

Please be advised that this applicant is applying for a 2014 Australia Award - Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship.

The Australia Awards bring together the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships administered by the Department of Industry, Climate Change, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIICCSRTE), scholarships and fellowships administered by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and fellowships administered by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) under a single recognisable brand. The Australia Awards have been established to maximise the benefit of the Australian Government's extensive scholarship programs, and to support enduring ties between Australia and our neighbours. Further information is available at www.AustraliaAwards.gov.au

The Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships are the Australian Government's internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program providing opportunities for Australians to undertake study, research and professional development overseas and citizens of the Asia-Pacific, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia.

Applications for the 2014 Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships opened early April 2013 and close on 30 June 2013. As part of the eligibility requirements for the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships (Postgraduate and VET), applicants must attach a formal admission letter from their proposed host institution. A conditional admission letter will be accepted at the time of application. **Commencement must be for the 2014 academic year.**

We ask for your assistance in providing suitable applicants with their formal admission letters provided that the applicant has met your institution's entry requirements and has submitted their application for admission to your institution in the required timeframe.

If you require more information regarding the 2014 Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships, please visit the Endeavour website at: [Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships](http://EndeavourScholarshipsandFellowships) or contact the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Management Team at endeavour@innovation.gov.au.

Thank you for your assistance and contribution to the success of the 2014 Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships.

Kind regards, the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships Management Team.