

## **Australia-Malaysia Towards 2020 Scholarships Program**

### **Executive Awards**

*Description:* Executive Awards provide opportunities for Malaysian Government officials to take up professional development opportunities in Australia. The awards focus on building public sector skills in economics, public policy or international relations. They are not designed to further the Award Holder's research interests (Research Fellowships are meant to serve this purpose). Award Holders will have the flexibility to design a program that advances their professional goals and home agency's needs. For example, programs may include activities such as a work placement with an Australian Government host agency, attendance at a conference, participation in a short course or peer-to-peer learning.

*Quantity:* up to four (4) in 2016

*Duration:* up to three (3) months

*Value:* up to \$18,500 each, including administrative costs

### *Eligibility*

- Executive Awards are open to Malaysian officials nominated by agencies and departments of the Malaysian Government.
- Applicants should propose programs in the fields of economics, public policy or international relations.
- Award Holders must be 18 years or over at the commencement of their award.
- Applicants who currently hold or who have completed an Australia Award after 1 January 2012 are not eligible to apply.
- Award holders must be English language proficient.

### *Conditions*

- Award Holders must undertake the proposed program outlined in their application and abide by the rules of any host organisation/institution, including enrolment requirements.
- Any changes to the Award Holder's program, degree or itinerary must have the prior approval of the government agency in Malaysia and the Australian Government.
- Should an Award Holder break any of the conditions set out in their scholarship agreement, and/or fail to maintain a satisfactory level of progress with their activity, the Australian Government may, at its discretion, withdraw the scholarship.
- Family members wishing to visit or accompany an Award Holder in Australia will be required to cover their own costs.

### *Visas*

- It is the responsibility of Award Holders to apply for and satisfy the requirements for the issue of an appropriate entry visa. The offer of an award does not guarantee the granting of a visa and is conditional upon gaining a visa.
- Award Holders may be required to undertake a medical examination to satisfy health requirements for the issue of a visa.

### *Work placement*

- The Award Holder will be expected to arrange work placements in Australian Government agencies independently. They may be assisted in this by their home agency in Malaysia. Where necessary, the Australian Government may provide additional support.

- Arrangements for any work placement with an Australian Government host organisation/institution must be finalised and approved no later than one month prior to the commencement of the work placement.

#### *Award Benefits*

<b>Funding Type</b>	<b>Amount (\$AUD)</b>
<b>Travel Allowance</b>	Up to \$4,500 maximum value, covering one return economy-class airfare to Australia, visa application fees and other associated travel expenses.
<b>Establishment Allowance</b>	Up to \$2,500 maximum one-off payment in Australia, to assist with setting up new living and study arrangements. Final amount will depend upon length of stay and nature of program in Australia.
<b>Monthly Stipend</b>	\$2,500 per month (on a pro-rata basis) in Australia, to cover accommodation, utilities and other living expenses.
<b>Health Insurance</b>	Cover provided for duration of stay in Australia.
<b>Travel Insurance</b>	Cover provided for duration of stay in Australia.
<b>Total Award Value</b>	Up to \$18,500 in total, including administrative costs.

#### *Applications*

Applications must be received by the Australian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur by no later than **18 April 2016**:

Australia-Malaysia Scholarships for Economic and Government Transformation  
 c/o Mr Damian Hickey  
 First Secretary  
 Australian High Commission  
 PO Box 10921  
 50730 Kuala Lumpur

Applications must include personal, academic and employment background, current workplace role and responsibilities, and draft program design for the executive award. Enquiries may be directed to Mr Hickey by email at [damian.hickey@dfat.gov.au](mailto:damian.hickey@dfat.gov.au).