

Australia-Malaysia Towards 2020 Scholarships Program

Research Fellowship

Description: The Research Fellowships provide financial support for Malaysian Government officials to undertake postgraduate or postdoctoral research in Australia. Research should fall within the fields of economics, public policy or international relations. Fellows may undertake short-term research (up to four months) towards a Masters or PhD (in which they are enrolled in Malaysia), or postdoctoral research in Australia.

Quantity: up to four (4) in 2016

Duration: up to four (4) months

Value: up to \$23,500 each, including administrative costs

Eligibility

- Research Fellowships are open to Malaysian officials nominated by Malaysian Government agencies or universities at which they are undertaking postgraduate or postdoctoral research, as well as Malaysian employees of research institutes and non-government organisations in Malaysia that focus on relevant research fields.
- Fellows must be currently enrolled in a Masters or PhD course in Malaysia or have had their PhD conferred and received their final results prior to the commencement of their Award program.
- 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.

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 academic institution, 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.

Award Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)
Travel Allowance	Up to \$4,500 maximum value, covering one return economy-class airfare to Australia, visa application fees and other associated travel expenses.
Establishment Allowance	Up to \$2,500 maximum one-off payment in Australia, to assist with setting up new living and study arrangements. Final amount will depend on length of stay and nature of program in Australia.
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month (on a pro-rata basis) in Australia, to cover accommodation, utilities and other living expenses.
Health Insurance	Cover provided for duration of stay in Australia.
Travel Insurance	Cover provided for duration of stay in Australia.
Total Award Value	Up to \$23,500 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 proposed field of research for the research fellowships. Enquiries may be directed to Mr Hickey by email at damian.hickey@dfat.gov.au.