



Australian Leadership Awards – Fellowships

The Australian Leadership Awards - Fellowships (ALAF), come under the umbrella of the Australia Awards. The Australia Awards in the Caribbean aims to promote regional development through knowledge sharing, education links and creating enduring ties between Australia and the region.

ALA Fellowships compliment the Australian Government's extensive scholarship program and aim to develop leadership, address priority regional issues and build partnerships and linkages with developing countries.

The ALA Fellowship program targets senior officials and mid-career professionals who are current or future leaders in their countries. Applications are made by Australian organizations on behalf of Caribbean candidates. The ALA Fellowships do not lead to academic qualifications. They are designed to provide short-term opportunities for study, research and professional attachment programs in Australia delivered by Australian organisations.

Through the ALA Fellowship program, Australian organisations have the opportunity to build and strengthen links with organisations in the Caribbean, working with them to offer professional development opportunities in Australia. Funding can support a range of activities that will develop expertise and leadership capacity in eligible countries.

The ALA Fellowships are available across a broad range of fields relevant to Australia's foreign policy agenda or development issues; however applications relating to the AusAID priority areas listed below are particularly encouraged:

- disability and development,
- economic growth,
- education,
- environment,
- food security,
- gender,
- governance,
- health,
- human rights,
- infrastructure,
- regional stability,
- rural development,
- water and sanitation.

Eligibility

The following eligibility requirements apply to the ALA Fellowships:

- Applications are made by Australian organisations demonstrating on-going linkages with overseas counterpart organisations in eligible Caribbean countries.
- Applications are not accepted from individuals or overseas organisations.
- Australian organisations must be legal entities with an Australian Business Number.
- Examples of eligible organisations include Australian Government departments and Australian businesses, industry associations, community groups, education providers and NGOs.
- A full list of eligible countries is available on the ALA Fellowships website at www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/alafellow.cfm



Value of the ALA Fellowship

A maximum of \$35,000 per Fellow is available which can include:

- return economy airfare from/ to home country's international hub
- short course/tuition/training course costs
- accommodation and living expenses
- medical insurance costs when in Australia
- special assistance/assistive devices (to support persons with disability)
- program overhead fee
- in-Australia transport associated with approved activities

Application Process

ALA Fellowships are awarded twice yearly through a competitive selection process.

Important criteria include:

- The strength of existing linkages between Australian organisations and their overseas counterpart organizations and;
- The leadership ability of Fellows.

Application forms and Guidelines can be downloaded from the AusAID website.

See ALA Fellowships website for further details:
www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/alafellow.cfm

General eligibility requirements of Fellows

Australian organisations must ensure that all Fellows nominated meet the following general eligibility requirements:

- Be a citizen of, and residing in, an eligible country.
- Have been working in their country of citizenship for four (4) years immediately preceding the date of their nomination.
- Be able to take up the nominated Fellowship Program at the time and for the duration proposed by the Australian organisation.



ALA Fellow from St. Lucia addressing an audience about the benefits of his Fellowship experience in Australia.

More Information

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