



Endeavour Awards

AUSTRALIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Awards

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**PRIME MINISTER'S AUSTRALIA ASIA
ENDEAVOUR AWARDS
2010 ROUND**

**INFORMATION BOOKLET
FOR
AUSTRALIAN APPLICANTS**

Introduction

Welcome to the information booklet for Australian applicants wishing to apply for a Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Award in the 2010 Round.

1.1 About the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Awards

The Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Awards will provide scholarships for the 'best and brightest' university students from Australia and Asia.

They provide the unique opportunity for postgraduates and undergraduates to undertake not only international study and research, but also internships or work placements. The Awards aim to build deep and enduring education and professional linkages between Australia and Asia. They also provide an opportunity for Australian universities and the Australian Government to work in partnership to identify and reward high calibre scholars.

The aims of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Awards are to build the relationship between Australia and Asia through:

- the development of internationally-aware, skilled future leaders;
- building human capital within organisations and contributing to productivity gains and innovations; and
- the establishment of enduring education and professional linkages.

Note: All applicants for the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Awards must be nominated by their home university (see section 7 for the selection process).

1.2 Opportunities for Award Holders

These Awards provide a unique opportunity for Australians to gain an international study or research experience, while building professional networks in Asia.

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

Award Holders also have the exciting opportunity to undertake an internship or work placement to gain occupational and work related knowledge and skills; and build networks with industry and other organisations in the region.

Prime Minister's Endeavour Award Holders will be recognised at a national event in Australia and through a range of events and activities during their time in Asia.

1.3 Structure of the Award

There are two stages to these awards. Stage one of the Award is the study component for up to 12 months (6 months, or one semester minimum). Stage two of the Award is an internship or work placement component for up to 12 months (two months minimum). See section 3.4 on the internship details.

2 Priority Destinations for Australian Applicants

The priority destinations for this Award are: China (including Hong Kong and Macau SARs); India; Indonesia; Japan; Malaysia; Singapore; Republic of Korea; Taiwan; Thailand; and Vietnam.

3 Description of the 2010 Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Endeavour Awards

3.1 The following Awards will be offered commencing from 2010:

<i>Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Endeavour Postgraduate Awards for Australian Applicants</i>	<i>Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Endeavour Undergraduate Awards for Australian Applicants</i>	<i>Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Endeavour Postgraduate Awards for international Applicants¹</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 20 Awards annually • Australian postgraduate (Masters/PhD) students funded to study in Asia for up to one year • Encouraged to undertake an internship in Asia at end of their study component • Valued at up to \$63,500 each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Awards annually • Australian undergraduate students funded to study in Asia for up to one year • Mandatory internship of up to one year in Asia at the end of their study component • Valued at up to \$41,500 each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Awards annually • Top ten incoming PhD recipients of Endeavour Postgraduate Awards from the priority destinations • Encouraged to undertake an internship in Australia at the end of their study • Valued at \$10,000 per year in addition to the Endeavour Postgraduate Award funding

3.2 Postgraduate Awards for Australian Applicants

The Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Endeavour Postgraduate support Australian postgraduate students to undertake study in Asia towards their Australian postgraduate qualification (at Masters by research or coursework or PhD level) in any field of study.

Successful candidates will be chosen based on merit. Successful candidates will also be encouraged to undertake an internship as part of the Award.

3.2.1 Award Benefits

This distinguished Award provides a unique opportunity to gain international experience and build professional networks in the Asian region.

Funding	Allocation (in Australian dollars)
Travel Allowance	\$4,500
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 x12 (Max \$30,000)
Tuition / Award Allocation	\$10,000 per semester (Max \$20,000)
Internship Allocation	\$5,000 (paid in stage 2)
Total Award value	Up to \$63,500

NB: Health and travel insurance for each Award Holder will also be provided.

These figures outline the total funding paid to Award Holders.

Tuition / Award Allocation - These funds are paid to the Award Holder to support them with costs related to tuition or research at their host universities. The funding may also be used for general expenses related to research or study to enhance the Award. The funding will be paid in two instalments, one in each semester.

Internship Allocation – is paid to the Award Holder to assist them to identify and undertake an internship.

¹ For further information on the Awards for international applicants, please visit the Prime Minister’s Australia Asia Endeavour Awards page at http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/PMS_Awards/

3.3 Undergraduate Awards for Australian Applicants

The Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Undergraduate Awards support Australian students for up to 12 months to undertake study or research in Asia towards their Australian undergraduate qualification (Bachelor level) in any field of study.

Successful candidates will be chosen based on merit. Successful candidates must also undertake an internship as part of the Award.

3.3.1 Award Benefits

This distinguished Award provides a unique opportunity to gain international experience and build professional networks in the Asian region.

Funding	Allocation (in Australian dollars)
Travel Allowance	\$4,500
Establishment Allowance	\$4,000
Monthly Stipend	\$1,500 x 12 (Max \$18,000)
Tuition / Award allocation	\$5,000 per semester (Max \$10,000)
Internship allocation	\$5 000 (paid in stage 2)
Total Award value	Up to \$41,500

NB: Health and travel insurance for each Award Holder will also be provided.

These figures outline the total funding paid to Award Holders.

Tuition / Award Allocation - These funds are paid to the Award Holder to support them with costs related to tuition or research at their host universities. The funding may also be used for general expenses related to research or study to enhance the Award. The funding will be paid in two instalments, one in each semester.

Internship Allocation – is paid to the Award Holder to assist them to identify and undertake an internship.

3.4 Internship Component

A unique aspect of this award is the opportunity for Award Holders to also undertake an internship or work placement. This provides them with a broader opportunity to also gain work-related knowledge and skills in an international setting.

For the purposes of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Awards an internship or work placement 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.

The internship must be at least two (2) months and for a maximum of 12 months in duration and can be with several employers. Australian applicants awarded a Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Undergraduate Award must undertake an internship or work placement related to their field of study in their host country.

Applicants are not required to have an internship confirmed at the time of application and it is not part of the selection criteria. The applicant's home university is provided with a \$3,000 contribution to assist applicants in identifying suitable internship placements. If you are having difficulties securing an internship placement please contact your University Contact Officer for assistance.

4 Selection Criteria and Eligibility Requirements

4.1 Selection Criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed against the following selection criteria:

- Record of high-level academic achievement in the applicant's chosen field of study.
- Well defined study or research program.
- Proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests of Australia.
- The applicant's potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation between Australia and Asia.
- The applicant's potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community on return to Australia.
- The applicant's unique achievement or outstanding service in any area that provides a benefit to their community (see definition 4.1.1).

4.1.1 Definition of unique achievement or outstanding service

You will need to demonstrate unique achievement or outstanding service in any area that provides a benefit to your nation or your community such as arts and culture, environment, multiculturalism, healthcare, education, civic duty, business innovation, community volunteerism, sports and recreation and youth or seniors' leadership. 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.

How can you demonstrate that you have met this selection criterion?

Your evidence can include the following:

- Charity work such as helping the disadvantaged or disabled;
- Volunteering, coaching or instructing, umpiring or refereeing;
- Honorary service to university organisations, such as the student union, sporting clubs, 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;
- Election to office in community organisations;
- Success in any national awards for excellence;
- Successful mentoring relationships; and
- Publications and presentations (not academic) in the course of doing work to benefit your community.

You may wish to get confirmation of your unique achievement or outstanding service in your community from your referee.

4.2 Eligibility Requirements

Australian applicants for the 2010 Round of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Awards must meet the following eligibility requirements.

- Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia and reside in Australia. Applicants must not be studying, living or working in the proposed host country.
- Applicants holding dual citizenship or permanent residency status in their proposed host country are ineligible to apply.
- Applicants for the Undergraduate Awards must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree at the time of application and demonstrate high academic achievement.
- Applicants for the Postgraduate Awards must have completed an undergraduate degree and be enrolled in a postgraduate degree at the time of application, and demonstrate high academic achievement.
- Applicants must provide the supporting documentation (as outlined in section 6).
- Applicants must be enrolled in and nominated by their Australian university.
- Applicants must not have held an Endeavour Research Fellowship or Endeavour Executive Award in 2008 or 2009.

4.3 Holding other Scholarships

If you are in receipt of an Australian Government scholarship or grant you must mention this in your application. It is the responsibility of the Award Holder to check whether they are eligible to hold a Prime Minister's Australian Asia Endeavour Award with any other scholarships that they may receive.

5 Application Process and Key Dates

July 2009	Application forms and information booklets sent to the nominated contact officer in each Australian university and made available on the Endeavour Awards website at www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au .
Applications open: July-Sept 2009	Applicants must submit their applications to the nominated contact officer, Ms Eve Woodberry, Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic) by 7 September. From these applications, each university will nominate and rank up to five (5) postgraduates and up to five (5) undergraduates.
Closing date: UNE 7 Sept 09 DEEWR 30 Sept 09	Australian universities forward their nominated students' applications and their rankings to DEEWR by closing date.
October 2009	Applications assessed by independent selection panel.
November 2009	Outcome of the selection process announced and Award Holders will be informed.
Jan-Nov 2010	Successful applicants must take up their Awards between 15 January 2010 and 30 November 2010

6 Required Documentation for Applicants

In addition to the individual application form, applicants are required to provide the following supporting documentation:

1. Proof of academic achievements

Applicants must provide a certified copy of their tertiary academic transcript(s) showing the subjects and standard of pass for each. Academic transcripts must be accompanied with the explanation of the marking system. Secondary school transcripts are not required.

2. Referee Report

Each applicant must attach a referee report from their course convenor, supervisor or lecturer on the Referee Report for Australian Applicants form provided with the Award application form.

3. Confirmation of affiliation or offer of acceptance from the host university

Applicants should provide one of the following documentation confirming their study or research component:

- For Award Holders intending to take up a research placement, a confirmation letter from the proposed supervisor or the host institution confirming the research placement is required. This letter must be on official letterhead and signed by a senior academic or senior administrative officer; or
- For Award Holders enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate units of study, an offer of acceptance or confirmation of enrolment from the host institution is required.

For the inaugural 2010 round of the Awards if the applicant cannot provide these documents at the time of application they must be provided prior to the Award being granted.

7 Selection Process

Australian applicants for the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Postgraduate and Undergraduate Awards must be nominated by their home university. Please refer to the university contact officer list on the Endeavour Awards website at http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/PMs_Awards/ to locate the contact for your university.

Applicants must return their individual application forms and supporting documents to their university contact officer who will forward their nominated applications to DEEWR. The due date for applications will be at each university's discretion. However Applications for the Awards must be received from universities by close of business on 30 September 2009. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Nominated applicants will be referred to an independent national selection panel for consideration. DEEWR may short list applications against the Selection Criteria prior to assessment by the selection panel. The Prime Minister's Australia Asia Endeavour Awards selection panel will comprise at least three panel members, appointed by DEEWR. The panel members may include academics, professionals and government representatives. Panel members are required to make recommendations to DEEWR with the final decision on Award allocations being made by DEEWR.

The outcome of the selection process will be announced in November 2009. DEEWR will notify all applicants and Australian universities via email regarding the outcomes of the selection process.

All successful Australian applicants will be required to undergo a police check before their Award is confirmed.

Upon acceptance of the Award Offer, successful applicants will be provided with further information about commencing their Award.

8 Post Selection

In addition to the financial benefits provided to Award Holders, a range of support services are also provided by a Contractor engaged by DEEWR.

These services include:

- A dedicated case manager to assist them throughout the duration of their Award;
- Pre-departure briefings;
- Provision of advice on visas, health, travel, insurance, accommodation and other relevant information;
- Payment of stipends and allowances; and
- Regular contact and visits at host universities.

N.B. Applicants are asked to note the conditions of the Prime Minister Australia Asia Awards in the Endeavour Awards 2010 Applicant Guidelines at <http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/>.

Please visit the relevant FAQs section of the Endeavour Awards website at http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/PMs_Awards/ for further information on the Awards.

The Privacy Act 1988 and Freedom of Information Act 1982

DEEWR is bound, in administering the Endeavour Awards, by the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988* (the Privacy Act). Further information on The Privacy Act can be found in the Endeavour Awards 2010 Applicant Guidelines at <http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/>.

All documents created or held by DEEWR with regard to the Endeavour Awards are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* ("FOI Act"). The FOI Act provides a general right of access to documents in the possession of DEEWR, subject to certain exceptions and exemptions necessary for the protection of the essential public interests and the private and business affairs of those of whom the information is collected. Further information on FOI Act can be found in the Endeavour Awards 2010 Applicant Guidelines at <http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/>.