

ENDEAVOUR EXECUTIVE AWARDS FLYER

About the Endeavour Awards

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

The Endeavour Awards aim to:

- Develop on-going educational, research and professional linkages between individuals, organisations 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 Australians through an international study, research or professional development experience.

The Endeavour Awards are a part of the Australia Awards initiative which was announced by the Australian Government in November 2009. The Australia Awards have been established to maximise the benefit to Australia of its extensive scholarship programs, and to support enduring ties between Australia and our neighbours.

The Australia Awards bring together the international development awards administered by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations' (DEEWR) Endeavour Awards under a single recognisable brand. Further information is available at www.AustraliaAwards.gov.au.

The **Endeavour Executive Award** provides professional development opportunities of (1-4 months) for high achievers in business, industry, education or government from participating countries, including Australia.

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 Executive Award).



Research based proposals are generally more suited for the Endeavour Research Fellowships. Please decide carefully if the Endeavour Executive Award is the Award you should apply for as this Award is about 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.

Award Aims

The Endeavour Executive Award 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 linkages and networks between Australia and participating countries; and
- allow professionals the opportunity, on returning to their home country, to share their updated skills and knowledge with colleagues.

Award 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	Coverage provided for full period of Award.	
Total Award Value	Up to \$18,500	

Eligibility Requirements

1. International applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of a participating country (see below) and **may not** hold dual citizenship with Australia.
2. International applicants who currently hold a valid Australian student visa are **not eligible** to apply.
3. Australian applicants **must** be citizens and/or permanent residents of Australia.
4. Applicants who have completed an Endeavour Award and/or AusAID Scholarship in the preceding 24 months (2 years) before the current round of the Endeavour Awards are **not eligible** to apply.
5. 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 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 Executive Award.
6. Applicants **must be** nominated by their **host** organisation and provide a completed nomination form from the host organisation with their application.



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; a proposal that shows how you will enhance your vocational skills and stay informed of new developments relevant to your existing skills and interests of your home country;

¹ The Australian qualification at the Certificate III level or above (or a similar level international qualification) must comply with the **Australian Qualifications Framework** (www.aqf.edu.au) or an equivalent national governing body.

- 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;
- the potential for ongoing links between the host and home organisations, and
- evidence of participation in community service outside of the applicant’s regular studies and/or employment duties.

Supporting Documentation Required at the time of Application

Further information on required documents can be found in the **Endeavour Awards 2012 Applicant Guidelines** (see www.AustraliaAwards.gov.au or your local Study in Australia website)

Endeavour Executive Award	Required Documents	Certified Copy Required
Proof of Citizenship and/or permanent residency (if different from citizenship)	✓	✓
Transcripts - Evidence of academic achievement	✓	✓
Proof of language proficiency	✓	✓
Completed Nomination Form by the host organisation	✓	✗
Referee reports (3)	✓	✗
Employment record / curriculum vitae	✓	✗
Evidence of community service	✓	✗

Eligible Participating Countries

The Americas and Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela

How to apply?

You MUST read the **Endeavour Awards 2012 Applicant Guidelines** before applying. This is available at: <http://www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards/Pages/Apply.aspx>

A summarised version for applicants from the Americas and the Caribbean is available via your local Study in Australia website:

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/argentina

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/brazil

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/chile

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/colombia

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/mexico

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/peru

To apply online, go to www.endeavouradmin.deewr.gov.au/es/esapplication/Security/Login.aspx

Application deadline

Applications for the 2012 Endeavour Awards will open on Friday 1 April 2011 and will close at 11:59PM Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Thursday 30 June 2011.

Need further assistance?

If you require any support to participate in the Endeavour Award application process, please contact endeavour.awards@deewr.gov.au

You may also contact Australian Government representatives nearest you by writing to one of these email addresses:

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brazil@studyinaustralia.gov.au

chile@studyinaustralia.gov.au

colombia@studyinaustralia.gov.au

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