

ENDEAVOUR VET 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 Vocational Education and Training (VET) Award** provides financial support for up to 2.5 years for international students from participating countries to undertake vocational education at a Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree level in any field of study in Australia. English language training in Australia will also be provided when the English language results fall within the specified requirements outlined in the **Endeavour Awards 2012 Applicant Guidelines**. Vocational education and training provides occupational or work-related knowledge and skills. The courses are traditionally non-academic and directly related to a trade, occupation or 'vocation' in which the applicant participates. These courses exclude degree and higher level programs normally delivered by universities.

Award Aims

The Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Award aims to:

- enable students from varied backgrounds to undertake study in Australia;
- further develop Award Holders' knowledge and skills in their areas of expertise;
- showcase Australia's vocational education and training sector;
- strengthen mutual understanding between the people of Australia and Award Holders' home countries;
- build linkages and networks between Australia and participating countries; and
- address skills shortages in Award Holders' home countries.

Award Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)	Details
Travel Allowance	\$4,500	

Establishment Allowance	\$4,000	
Monthly Stipend	\$2,500 per month	Up to 2.5 years on a pro-rata basis
Tuition Fees	\$6,500 per semester	Maximum of \$13,000 per year
English Language Training	\$10,000	Up to 6 months, if required
Health Insurance	Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) will be provided	
Travel Insurance	Coverage provided for travel to and from Australia, not during.	
Total Award Value	Up to \$119,500	

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. 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.
4. Applicants must have completed the equivalent to an Australian Year 10 secondary qualification (minimum) at the time of application.
5. Applicants must have applied for and gained admission to a Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree course at an Australian vocational education institution. Conditional letters of offer will be accepted at the time of application.
Please note that if your admission letter contains prerequisites (i.e. certificate IV leading into a Diploma), these must be included in the admission letter. We will not accept two separate admission letters.

Selection Criteria

- a record of academic achievement in educational and vocational activities and a minimum of two years full-time or equivalent relevant work experience is highly desirable. Preference may be given to applicants with work experience that is directly related to their proposed course;
- a well defined study or research program
- a proposal that is relevant to the applicant's needs and to the needs and interests of Australia and the applicant's home country;
- the applicant's potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation with Australia and potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in their home country on return from their program, 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 VET 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	☑	☑

Formal Admission Letter from Host	✓	✗
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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