Australia Awards

Australia Awards PNG Allison Sudradjat Prize

Call for applications

Australia Awards in Papua New Guinea invites Intake 2020 awardees to apply for the prestigious Allison Sudradjat Prize

The Allison Sudradjat Prize supports outstanding Australia Awards Scholarship awardees to:

- develop additional knowledge in their field through professional development activities, collaborations, and/or further research;
- deepen their exposure to Australian and international leadership in their chosen field such as through conferences and internship; and
- build links between prize awardees, Australian organisations and prize awardees' home institutions/employers.

The Allison Sudradjat Prize honours the memory of Allison Sudradjat and her significant contribution to Asia-Pacific cooperation and development, in particular between Australia and Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste.

Allison was deeply passionate about education as one of the pillars of development. In her 18 years with the then Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), she led a number of education activities, including scholarship and training for emerging leaders of the region.

With her extraordinary intellectual and practical approach to challenges of development, she also led Australia's humanitarian response to some of worst disasters in recent years, including the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. An inspirational leader and one of AusAid's most dedicated officers, she is remembered with great respect, admiration and fondness.

In Allison's memory, each year, six Australian Awards Scholarship awardees who are outstanding scholars and current or emerging leaders also receive an Allison Sudradjat Prize. Four are awarded in Indonesia where Allison was based in the early- to mid-1990s and from 2005-2007, and two are awarded in Papua New Guinea where Allison worked from 1996-2001.

Who is eligible?

All Intake 2020 Australia Awards Scholarship awardees undertaking postgraduate and PhD studies are eligible to apply. Applicants must be able demonstrate of how their proposed activity can contribute to their future career prospects, leadership potential and development of Papua New Guinea.

With the support of the Allison Sudradjat Prize, Australia Awards Intake 2013 PhD scholar Miriam Supuma (pictured above) completed field research on threats to endemic montane Birds of Paradise in PNG and presented the results of her research at conferences in Hawaii and Singapore.

Miriam graduated with a PhD in Environmental Science and Management from James Cook University. She says the Allison Sudradjat Prize significantly enriched her academic experience and sense of achievement as an Australia Awards scholar.

'The Allison Sudradjat prize is a fantastic way to commemorate the legacy of a pioneering woman and close friend of Papua New Guinea,' Miriam says.

'I encourage more Australia Awards scholars from PNG to put up their hand for this wonderful opportunity.'

Prize entitlements and guidelines

Allison Sudradjat Prize awardees receive their Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements, plus the following benefits:

- up to A$25,000 to undertake additional activities related to their course of study
- guest at a farewell function to be held in Port Moresby
- invitations to attend extra functions and opportunities while studying in Australia

The activities may consist of one, or a combination, of the following:

- a work attachment with an organisation in the awardee's home country, Australia or a third country
- research, fieldwork or attendance to conferences
- a post-doctoral placement
- professional mentoring
- other degree-related activities

The activities may be undertaken in Australia, Papua New Guinea, or a relevant third country, either during the awardee's period of studies or within six months of completing their studies.

Ineligible activities include fieldwork or activities that are part of the regular degree program or funded under the Australia Awards Scholarship, university grants or any other supporting organisation.

Once study in Australia begins, recipients discuss their proposed activity with an academic advisor and then submit their proposal to Australia Awards PNG at least four months before the start of first activity.

How to apply

To apply, submit an expression of interest using the application form available at www.australiaawardspng.org

Applications close on Friday 25 October 2019 at 5pm.

For more information

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