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Australia Awards PNG Allison Sudradjat Prize 2021 Call for applications



*Intake 2020 Allison Sudradjat Prize winner
Olivia Ephraim at The University of Melbourne*

Australia Awards in Papua New Guinea invites Intake 2021 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 the 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 2021 Australia Awards Scholarship awardees from PNG undertaking postgraduate and PhD studies are eligible to apply. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how their proposed activity can contribute to their future career, leadership potential and PNG's development.





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Dr Pamela Toliman (Intake 2016 Allison Sudradjat Prize winner, pictured above) completed her PhD in Public Health at the University of New South Wales. Her graduate research examined the use of a novel point-of-care human papillomavirus (HPV) DNA test for cervical cancer screening in Papua New Guinea. Through her research, Dr Toliman contributed to enhancing early detection and cervical screening and reduce mortality among women in PNG.

On completion of her PhD, Dr Toliman resumed work at the Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research in January 2020, just as COVID-19 hit. In response to this health crisis, she changed her Allison Sudradjat Prize research plan towards supporting research that examines trends in exposure to SARS-CoV-2 among high-risk (e.g. health workers) and low risk groups in PNG. Her research will build national capacity for COVID-19 serological testing and provide information on local transmission patterns.

'I was very proud to be awarded the Allison Sudradjat Prize,' Dr Toliman says. **'I encourage all Intake 2021 awardees to apply for this Prize, which commemorates the legacy of a pioneering woman and close friend of Papua New Guinea.'**

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 celebratory event to be held in Port Moresby
- invitations to attend other events 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 awardee's 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. After completion of each activity, prize winners must submit a report to AAPNG.

How to apply

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

Return your completed Expression of Interest form to scholarships@australiaawardspng.org

Applications close at 5pm (PNG time) on 1 February 2021

For more information

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