



Australia Awards

# Australia Awards Fellowship Program: Advancing Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience and the Just Energy Transition in the Indo-Pacific

The Pacific Climate Change Centre and the University of Melbourne

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## **Australia Awards Fellowship Program**

[Australia Awards](#) are an Australian Government initiative bringing together prestigious international scholarships, Fellowships and short courses managed by the [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(DFAT\)](#), and provided as part of Australia's development program. The Awards strive to develop leadership potential and stimulate lasting change by empowering a global network of talented individuals through high-quality education experiences in Australia and overseas. Australia Awards Scholars and Fellows return home with new ideas, knowledge and networks, and the ability to make a significant contribution to their home countries as leaders in their field.

## **Advancing Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience and the Just Energy Transition in the Indo-Pacific**

Fellows will complete the course in-person at [The University of Melbourne](#), Australia's highest ranking University. The six-week program is an immersive leadership, capacity development, knowledge exchange and networking initiative. The program has been designed to equip Fellows with additional skills, networks, and resources to drive action on climate adaptation, resilience and just energy transition priorities in their respective countries across the Indo-Pacific. Each week, Fellows will undertake training, mentoring, knowledge exchange, as well as dedicated time for the development of an individual climate policy/practice output based on the Fellow's local needs and priorities. Cultural learning experiences to understand and engage with Australia's First Nations history and perspectives, and unique natural environments, are integrated throughout the program. At the end of the program, Fellows will present a climate policy/practice output to the Fellowship cohort, mentors, internal and external partners. Beyond strengthening public speaking and presentation skills, this will facilitate bidirectional knowledge exchange between the cohort and feedback from the group will strengthen each Fellow's capacity to implement their output upon returning home. The program in Melbourne will be followed by a week-long implementation workshop hosted by the [Pacific Climate Change Centre](#) in Samoa in early 2025 (dates TBC). Please note that the program will be delivered in English and English proficiency is required.

## **Covered Fellowship costs**

Fellowship-related costs that are covered include economy class flights to and from Melbourne from Fellows' nearest international airport, accommodation, visas, daily living allowance (for meals and incidentals), program-related transport, health insurance, and cultural activities included in the program. Please note that we can only support Fellow costs and cannot support family members.