



2012 application form for John Allwright Fellowships

- > **John Allwright Fellowships** for postgraduate studies based at Australian tertiary institutions are available to scientists from developing countries involved in ACIAR funded collaborative agricultural research projects. The primary aim of the Scheme is to enhance research capacity in ACIAR's partner country institutions

Instructions

Please use **BLOCK LETTERS** and **BLACK INK**

- > Applicants **must** complete all boxes.
- > This application **must** be completed in English.
- > For "Yes" or "No" questions, indicate your response with an "X" in the appropriate box.
- > One electronic copy and one hard copy of this application form and all attached documentation **must** be submitted to:

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Canberra ACT 2601 Australia

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Fern Hill Park, Bruce ACT 2617

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- > You should also send one hard copy to the ACIAR Office in your country if you are applying from the following countries: Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Philippines, India, China
- > **DO NOT** send this application to Universities in Australia.
- > If your application is successful, you will be required to sign a Contract with the Commonwealth of Australia and be bound by conditions of the ACIAR scholarship. A full list of the scholarship conditions is contained in the AusAID ADS Handbook, available for download on the AusAID website.

Useful Australian Websites

For information about **Visas** – Department of Immigration and Citizenship: <http://www.immi.gov.au>

For more information about **ACIAR scholarships**: <http://aciar.gov.au/training>

For advice on **studying in Australia**: <http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au>

To search for information about **Australian Educational Institutions and courses** - CRICOS: <http://cricos.dest.gov.au>



The John Allwright Fellowship for Agricultural Research is a program offered by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR). John Allwright Fellowships are awarded to partner-country scientists involved in ACIAR-supported collaborative research projects to undertake postgraduate training at Australian universities

*Passport
 Photograph*

1. Personal details	
Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other Please specify
Family Name (as shown on Birth Certificate)	
Married Name (if different from name on Birth Certificate)	
Given Names (as shown on Birth Certificate)	
Country of citizenship	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth	/ /
Passport no.*	<i>*If you are waiting for a Passport to be issued, your Passport Number should be made available to the ACIAR office in your home country as soon as possible.</i>

ACIAR Project under which nomination is sought	
ACIAR Project No	
Project Title	
Project Start Date	
Project End Date	
Project Leader Australia	
Project Leader Collaborating country	
Your role in this project	
Other ACIAR project involvement	

2. Eligibility for an Australian Scholarship		
What is your country of Citizenship?		
Are you currently residing in your country of Citizenship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Years Months
If not, in which country are you residing?		Years Months
Have you applied for permanent residence in Australia or New Zealand?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you entitled to Australian or New Zealand permanent residence or citizenship status?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Excluding holidays or other short visits, have you been granted temporary residence status in Australia? <i>If 'Yes' provide a visa no. and attach a copy of your visa to each application.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Visa no.
Have you held any Australian Government scholarships in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If 'Yes', provide details		
Do you currently hold any other scholarship from your own or another government or sponsor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If 'Yes', provide details		

3. Contact Details

This scholarship application takes 3-4 months to be finalised once submitted. Please give an address where you can be contacted when a decision is reached.

Current residential address

Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Address line 3			
Town/City		Postal code (if any)	
State/Province			
Country			
Home phone no.		Work phone no.	
Mobile no.		Fax no. (if any)	
Email 1			
Email 2 (if any)			

Mailing address Provide details only if different from your current residential address.

Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Address line 3			
Town/City		Postal code (if any)	
State/Province			
Country			

Emergency Contact Details

Name			
Relationship to applicant			
Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Address line 3			
Town/City		Postal code (if any)	
State/Province			
Country			
Home phone no.		Work phone no.	
Mobile no.		Fax no. (if any)	
Email			

4. Spouse details

If you have dependants (spouse and/or children under 18 years of age), provide their details even if they will not accompany you to Australia. Please note that the scholarship does not provide financial support for accompanying dependants.

Family name				Provide family name and other names as shown in your spouse's passport or other official identification document
Given names				
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	/ /
Country of citizenship				
Passport no.				Provide if spouse has a passport.
Will your family be accompanying you to Australia during your scholarship?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

5. Children Details (attach a separate list if there is not enough space)

Child 1				
Family name				
Given names				
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	/ /
Country of citizenship				
Passport no.				Provide if child has a passport.
Child 2				
Family name				
Given names				
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	/ /
Country of citizenship				
Passport no.				Provide if child has a passport.
Child 3				
Family name				
Given names				
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	/ /
Country of citizenship				
Passport no.				Provide if child has a passport.

6. Qualifications

Past and Current Studies

List by level of study, starting with highest

Please include any studies you are currently undertaking and studies you have completed. One certified copy of any official transcripts, certificates and certified copies of English Language translations must be included with each application form. Any documents not in English must be translated.

Qualification name 1

Level of Study

- Secondary (High School) Vocational, technical
 Undergraduate Postgraduate

Name of institution

Country

Language of instruction

Status (complete/incomplete)

Start Date

/ /

Graduation date

/ /

Qualification name 2

Level of Study

- Secondary (High School) Vocational, technical
 Undergraduate Postgraduate

Name of institution

Country

Language of instruction

Status (complete/incomplete)

Start Date

/ /

Graduation date

/ /

Qualification name 3

Level of Study

- Secondary (High School) Vocational, technical
 Undergraduate Postgraduate

Name of institution

Country

Language of instruction

Status (complete/incomplete)

Start Date

/ /

Graduation date

/ /

If you have included incomplete studies, attach a copy of the results for all completed subjects to each application form.

7. Proposed Study Program

Coursework applicants

ACIAR will support a limited number of **course work postgraduate degrees** in situations where the partner institute requires development of a broader skill set rather than in depth research training. If applying for a Masters by Coursework, please provide the name of the course you are interested in and why you have chosen this area of study:

Research Applicants

All PhD and Masters degree applicants whose study program will include a significant research component **MUST** attach an outline of the proposed research project (up to 1000 words) following discussion with ACIAR project leaders, for review by ACIAR. The outline should address the following:

- > Proposed Title
- > Objectives
- > Relationship of this research to previous work in this field by yourself or others
- > How it relates to the research you are presently undertaking in the ACIAR project. It should not merely duplicate work already underway in the project
- > Significance and possible application of your proposed research to your country
- > Proposed research method and plan including estimated schedule for completion and each step in research and thesis writing

Do you intend to undertake fieldwork as part of your research program?

Yes

No

If 'Yes', provide details of any expected field trips that may be required, including travel outside Australia, the number of trips and length of each trip. Up to two return airfares for a Masters student and up to three for a PhD student are permitted for fieldwork in the home country and it is essential that the component of time spent in Australia is more than 50% of the enrolled period (this should not just consist of thesis writing). ACIAR will not support fieldwork in a 3rd country:

Fieldwork:

Provide details of your proposed course of study

Application is made for Masters degree PhD Diploma (specify)

Course Name

Institution Name

Course CRICOS number

Preferred start date:

January

June

8. English Language Proficiency

Is English your first language?

Yes

No

If 'Yes', go to Section 9.

If 'No', please answer the following:

Was English the language of your secondary/high school or tertiary studies?

Yes

No

If 'Yes', provide a statement from the institution verifying the language of instruction, and go to Section 9.

If 'No', please answer the following:

Have you taken an IELTS or TOEFL test?

Yes

No

Test

Date test taken

/ /

Score

If 'No', when do you expect to complete the test?

/ /

Give details of any English language training currently being undertaken.

9. Referee Reports from Australian and collaborating country project leaders

a. Australian project leader contacts:

Name:

Phone / Fax:

Email:

b. Collaborating Country project leader contacts:

Name:

Phone / Fax:

Email:

You **MUST** ask your project leaders (Australia and your home country) to provide confidential references in support of your application separately to ACIAR. Referee Reports should be sent by email or fax to: Mrs Sharon Harvey, ACIAR.

Fax: + 61 2 6217 0501; or Email: harvey@aciar.gov.au

The report should address the following points:

1. Describe the role of the applicant in the ACIAR project. When did the applicant start working on the project and what percentage of their time is spent on the project?
2. Provide an explanation of the object of the training course being requested, together with an indication of how the skills of the applicant will be used and be of advantage to the future needs of the partner country. In most cases the student's research project will form a discrete topic related to, but not part of, the existing ACIAR project.
3. Provide a clear evaluation of the ability of the applicant to undertake postgraduate research/studies in Australia. How does his/her research/academic skills and potential compare with other scientists of the same age in his/her discipline? For example, would they be in the top 5, 10, 20 or 50%?
4. Has the applicant done any research before? If so, comment on his/her performance.
5. Provide an overall impression of the candidate and their ability to enhance the research capacity of the partner country institution on their return from studies.

10. Special Requirements

Are there any special requirements which you may need to complete your study program in Australia

Yes

No

If 'Yes', please give details:

11. Applicant's Supporting Statement

Please limit your answers to 100 words per question. Attach a page if there is not enough room.

a. Why do you want to study in Australia?

b. How will the proposed training be of benefit to your current employer and your country of citizenship?

c. What skills and knowledge do you hope to gain from your training in Australia? How do you propose to use them on return to your country of citizenship? *(If possible, list specific actions.)*

d. Have you had any professional contact with any other Australian researchers, or have you been involved in any other joint research with Australian or other foreign researchers? If so, please give names and nature of contact (attending lectures, short courses, joint research, etc.):

e. Have you ever been awarded a scholarship, research grant/travel grant or other prize or distinction by your university, government or other organisation? If so, please give details, and year of award.

f. Have you ever participated in any major research or research related project in your organisation or on behalf of a government or research institute? If so, please give brief details of your research experience:

g. Please give names, position and full addresses, telephone, email and fax numbers of two referees (other than your current ACIAR project leaders) who are familiar with your teaching and/or research work:

h. Please list all publications (if more space is needed, attach an additional sheet). Provide a brief one sentence description of each report or publication in which you took a major part. Make sure that you include the title, publisher, pages, year and co-authors (if any).

i. Is there anything else you would like to add in support of your application for this scholarship?

12. Employment history

Current employment		Provide details if currently employed	
Position title			
Starting date	/ /		
Employing organisation			
Address of employing organisation			
Brief description of your duties and responsibilities (maximum 200 words)			
What is your employment status?	<input type="checkbox"/> temporary / contract employee	<input type="checkbox"/> permanent employee	
If temporary or contracted, what are your prospects of continuing at the current employer after your studies?			
Previous position 1		Provide details if previously employed	
Position title			
Starting date	/ /	Finishing date	/ /
Employing organisation			
Brief description of your duties and responsibilities (maximum 100 words)			
Previous position 2		Provide details if previously employed	
Position title			
Starting date	/ /	Finishing date	/ /
Employing organisation			
Brief description of your duties and responsibilities (maximum 100 words)			

13a. Endorsement of Employing Organisation

This endorsement should be completed by the Head of the Nominee's employing organisation or an appropriate delegate.

Training is requested for post graduate studies in Australia at the level indicated by the candidate

Nominated by (name of organisation/employer):

Please state what you anticipate will be the benefits of this training to your organisation and state what you think will be the role and responsibilities of the applicant on return from study.

Name		Position	
Contact details			
Signature		Official Stamp	
Date	/ /		

13b. Employer and Nominating Authority Statement

On behalf of the Government of ----- I declare that I have examined the documents attached to this form and am satisfied that they are authentic and relate to the applicant. I agree that the level of study, field of study and length of scholarship and fieldwork proposed in this application are appropriate and in accordance with the Government's human resource development needs and training policy.

I nominate	----- for an ACIAR John Allwright Fellowship for postgraduate study in Australia.		
Name of nominating authority		Title	
		Organisation	
Contact details			
Signature		Official Stamp	
Date	/ /		

14. Documentary Evidence

Please note:

- > Applications with incomplete supporting documentation will be rejected.
- > **TWO COPIES** of the application form are required (one copy for ACIAR Canberra and one copy to the ACIAR Office in your country if you are applying from: Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Philippines, India, China)
- > **EACH** copy of the application form should have **certified*** copies attached of the relevant documents listed below.
- > Where original documents are not in English, applicants must provide **certified*** copies of official English translations.

Required documentation: please tick if you have attached the following documents in support of your application.

A. All Applicants:

Birth certificate or your passport personal information pages	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
IELTS or TOEFL English language test results	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Statement from university or school that English is the language of instruction	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Curriculum Vitae or details about relevant employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Official post-secondary and tertiary certificates/degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Official translations of post-secondary and tertiary certificates/degrees	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Official post-secondary and tertiary transcripts of results	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Official translations of post-secondary and tertiary transcripts of results	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Australian and Collaborating Country Project Leaders have been contacted and asked to provide Referee Reports separately to ACIAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

B. Research applicants:

Outline of proposed research project (for details see Section 7)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
List of relevant publications and unpublished theses	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

C. Other

Any other relevant documentation in support of your application	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
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Please list:

* **Certified**: a statement that the document is a true copy, signed by a Commissioner of Oaths, Public Notary or other formally recognised authority. If you are unsure about who is the appropriate person to certify your documents, you should contact an AusAID officer at the Australian Diplomatic Mission for your country of citizenship.

15. Personal Computer Skills

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. This will assist the tertiary institutions to determine if you might require additional tuition at the commencement of you studies.

1. Have you used a personal computer (PC)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
2. Have you undertaken any formal PC training?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
3. Do you use a PC regularly at work?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
4. Are you an experienced user of:	
a. Word processing software (eg Word)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
b. Spreadsheet software (eg Excel)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
c. Database software (eg Access)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
d. Operating systems (eg Windows 2000)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
e. Presentation software (eg PowerPoint)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
f. Email software (eg Outlook)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
g. Internet browsers (eg. Internet Explorer)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
h. Statistical packages for research students (eg SPSS)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Details:
5. How regularly do you use a PC?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly	
6. Are there any comments you wish to make about your use of Personal Computers?	

16. Applicant's authorisation, agreement, declaration and signature

ACIAR is authorised to collect all items of information in this form under the Australian Government's scholarships program entitled *Australian Scholarships*, which includes John Allwright Fellowships, Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships/Fellowships and Australian Development Scholarships, and is bound by the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988* of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Authorisation

I authorise ACIAR, or its appointed representative, to obtain copies of any of my relevant academic records/reports from the education institution(s) that I have attended for purposes relating to my application for a John Allwright Fellowship including:

- > For use in the selection process for John Allwright Fellowship;
- > To monitor my academic performance at my host education institution if I am awarded an Australian scholarship; and
- > To brief relevant Australian officials, Ministers and members of Parliament.

Should I receive A John Allwright Fellowship, I consent to the Australian Government using and disclosing extracts of my application (relating to my academic background and achievements, leadership skills and my proposed study programme in Australia) in promotional material in hardcopy and on the Internet. Promotional material may include, but is not limited to, media releases and information circulated to ACIAR's country staff and Australian education institutions, concerning the program.

I authorise any Australian education institution that makes me an offer to enrol at that institution to provide to ACIAR details of that offer if requested to do so by ACIAR.

I authorise ACIAR to advise other Australian Government departments participating in the *Australian Scholarships* program of my scholarship application.

Understanding

I understand and confirm that:

- > I have read and complied with the instructions to applicants and the contents of my application are true and correct;
- > ACIAR has the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding an Australian scholarship made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information; and
- > Decisions of the ACIAR selection panel are final and confidential and no correspondence regarding outcomes of the selection process will be entered into.

Agreement

If successful in gaining a John Allwright Fellowship, I agree that I will:

- > Immediately provide ACIAR with details of any incident that may reflect badly on the prestige of an Australian Scholarship;
- > Act in a manner befitting a recipient of an Australian Scholarship;
- > Use the funds for the purposes granted; and
- > Acknowledge the assistance given by the Australian Government in any written reports, publications or publicity associated with the award.

Declaration and acknowledgement

I declare in submitting this application form that the information contained in it and provided in connection with this application is true and correct.

I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Name (title, given names, family name)	Signature	Date
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