

## Australia Development Awards Announcement for the 2012 Intake

### Australian Development Scholarships & Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is pleased to invite applications for the 2012 intake of Australia Development Awards for scholarships to study at Masters (up to 2 years) and PhD (up to 4 years) levels in Australia. Development Awards include the Australian Leadership Award Scholarships (ALAS) and Australia Development Scholarships (ADS).

#### The overarching goals of Australia's Development Awards are:

- to develop capacity and leadership skills so that individuals can contribute to development in their home country and;
- to build people-to-people links at the individual, institutional and country levels.

The ADS Program is a regional development cooperation activity between Australia and the Caribbean including Cuba and the Dominican Republic. The program aims to meet human resource development needs in these Caribbean countries and to contribute to their long-term development.

ALAS are academically prestigious awards, offered to high achieving ADS candidates. ALAS scholars have the potential to assume leadership roles that can influence social and economic policy reform, development and governance in their home countries and the region.

#### Priority Areas:

- **Food security** (agricultural and fisheries management);
- **Climate change/natural resource management** (marine science, environmental management, coastal resource management, forestry management, extractive industries, renewable energy, water resource management);
- **Regional integration/economic resilience** (trade facilitation; public policy and administration; tourism management including eco-tourism; disaster management including structural design);
- **Education** (science; technology; distance education management; special needs education; sport administration/ management).

To ensure equity and broad participation, AusAID encourages women and men, people with disability, ethnic minorities, people living in rural areas and members of socio-economically disadvantaged groups to apply.

#### Eligibility requirements

Applicants must:

1. be a citizen of Belize, Jamaica, Haiti, Cuba Dominican Republic, Dominica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, St Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and Suriname.

2. meet the criteria detailed in the applicant profiles available at [www.trinidadandtobago.embassy.gov.au](http://www.trinidadandtobago.embassy.gov.au)
3. apply to Australian University and obtain a letter of unconditional offer
4. not have held a foreign scholarship in the 24 months prior to application
5. not be a permanent resident or have applied for permanent residency in Australia
6. not be married, or engaged to be married to a person who holds or who is eligible to hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence status

In cases where applicant's undergraduate studies have been obtained in a language other than English or if English is not their first language, applicants will be required to undertake an IELTS or TOEFL test. Applicants must attain an IELTS score of 6.5 or above (with no individual band less than 6) – or the equivalent level of TOEFL with the results received no longer than two years prior to the date of application.

Recipients are required to return to their home country for two (2) years after they have completed their studies. The recipients should also be willing to actively participate in the Australia Awards alumni program.

#### To Apply:

Applications are now open for commencement of study at an Australian university from January 2012. Please note that the deadline for receiving online applications is close of business **May 31st 2011**

Applicants should apply online by visiting:

<http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/ala.cfm> or

<http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/studyin.cfm> then click on the Online Australian Scholarships Information System (OASIS) link and follow the instructions listed.

While online applications are preferred ADS and ALAS hard copy applications can be submitted to the:

**Australian High Commission**  
P.O. Box 4640, St. James  
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies

Further information is available at:

Phone: +1 868 822 5482

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Email: [caribbeanscholarships@ausaid.gov.au](mailto:caribbeanscholarships@ausaid.gov.au)

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