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# John Allwright Fellowship

The John Allwright Fellowship (JAF) is an opportunity to obtain formal postgraduate qualifications, such as a Master by Research or PhD degree at an Australian tertiary institution.

The fellowship is a competitive, merit-based scholarship program available to scientists and economists currently or recently involved in ACIAR research projects in partner countries.

ACIAR provides JAF fellows with additional pastoral care and development opportunities to strengthen the diverse and transferrable skills of participants during their scholarship to help bridge the gap between study and the next stages of their careers.

## What's new?

The JAF program is allocating places in the 2026 intake round specifically for research dedicated to addressing **climate change**, climate adaptation or strengthening resilience to climate change impacts.

All applicants are encouraged to consider how a changing climate will affect the proposed research and action plans.

## Am I eligible to apply?

The first step is to determine whether you meet the key requirements.

### Key requirements

- ✓ You must not be a citizen of Australia, hold permanent residency in Australia or be applying for a visa to live in Australia permanently
- ✓ You must be a citizen of the country in which you are working
- ✓ You are endorsed by your current employer, ACIAR Project Leaders (Commissioned Organisations and Country Collaborators) and your primary supervisor
- ✓ You are currently employed on a permanent or long-term contract basis
- ✓ You are a scientist or economist who is actively involved in an ACIAR research project or small research activity within the last 24 months. ACIAR may consider supporting researchers from "advanced pipeline" projects
- ✓ Your Research Proposal addresses the gender equity and social inclusion, climate change and project contribution to the development priority of your country
- ✓ You hold qualifications, equivalent to at least an Australian Bachelor degree, in a discipline that is relevant to the proposed area of postgraduate study
- ✓ You have recently undertaken an English language testing program, i.e. IELTS, TOEFL, PTE or are prepared to take the test on receipt of application outcome

### TIP

**Masters by coursework is not eligible under this scholarship.**



# What supporting documents will I need?

## Mandatory documents\*

- ✓ Proof of citizenship (birth certificate)
- ✓ An identity document (passport must have an expiry date of more than 6 months from the application date)
- ✓ Certified copies of degree certificates
- ✓ Certified copies of academic transcripts
- ✓ Research proposal (refer to *What do I need to address in my Research Proposal?*)
- ✓ Employer endorsement letter (template available in OASIS\*)
- ✓ Australian Project Leader referee report (template available in OASIS)
- ✓ Collaborating Country Project Leader referee report (template available in OASIS)
- ✓ Primary supervisor endorsement letter (this can be a formal letter or copy of email correspondence)

## Additional documents

- ✓ Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- ✓ English language details (if applicable, IELTS/TOEFL/PTE official report)
- ✓ Statement from university that English is the language of instruction
- ✓ List of publications (if applicable)
- ✓ Any other relevant documents in support of your application.

### TIP

Information on acceptable certified copies is explained at **Section 2.7.7 of the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook**. Also note, where documents are not in English, please provide the original copy and the English translation.

## What do I need to address in my Research Proposal?

Please note that the information in the 'Help' window of the OASIS application form does not include the following updated guidance. Kindly follow the directions below.

All Master and PhD applicants are required to submit a Research Proposal. Your proposal should be written after discussions with your project leader and address **all** of the following points under the defined **subheadings**:

- 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
- significance and possible application of the applicant's proposed research to your country's development priorities
- research methodology:
  - how your research considers the impacts of climate change
  - do any aspects of your research address climate change adaption or mitigation?
  - how your research considers and addresses gender equity and social inequalities
  - is there a fieldwork component? If so, please detail.

## How to apply

Applications are **OPEN** for the 2026 intake round between 1 February 2025 to 30 April 2025

We recommend reading the **Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook**. The JAF program is guided by the policy of this handbook which includes scholarship details and responsibilities. Note that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade may revise and update the handbook at any time without notice.

For more detailed information about JAF, visit **John Allwright Fellowship** on the ACIAR website.

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\* OASIS is the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System

\* Not providing the mandatory documents may impact your eligibility. Ensure to follow the requirements to strengthen your application.