

Professional Development Grant

Australia Awards Cambodia

Application Guidelines

Introduction

Australia Awards Cambodia is committed to supporting you to participate in relevant professional development and networking activities while studying in Australia.

The Professional Development Grant (PDG) aims to enrich scholars' professional skills, knowledge and networks, building their capacity to make positive contributions to Cambodia and the relationship between Cambodia and Australia.

Selection Process

PDG will be on a competitive basis with an application round open in Jul 2026. Applications will be assessed by Australia Awards in Cambodia. Key criteria in identifying the successful application will be the extent to which the application demonstrates the relevance of the activity to the scholar's studies, their home organisation and the opportunity presented by the activity to establish/enhance the scholar's professional development.

Eligible Activities

Activities must be directly relevant to the scholar's studies and/or professional development area in the following categories:

- **Professional association membership (up to \$300)**
Membership of a recognised Australian professional association/organisation or an international association of which Australia is a member (student membership where possible)
- **Online or in person professional development event (up to \$1,500)**
Participation in a conference, training, symposium, forum, seminar or workshop by a recognised provider in Australia

Ineligible activities include fieldwork or activities that are part of the regular degree program or funded under the Australia Awards Scholarship, university grants or any other supporting organisation.

Applications for funding should be made prior to the activity. There is no limit to the number of times a scholar may apply to the scheme. However only one application per scholar can be granted per round. Priority will be given to the scholars who have not received the grant previously.

Key dates 2026

Applications open 1 - 31 Jul 2026
Result of application notification 1 Sep 2026

Selection Criteria

There is a limited amount of funds available. Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Have completed at least one semester in Australia
- No failed courses in preceding semesters;
- Relevance of the activity to the scholar's focus of studies and/or professional development area;
- Contribution of the activity to the establishment or enhancement of the scholar's professional network;
- Demonstration that the activity will be delivered by a recognised provider in Australia
- Support of application by the university Student Contact Officer

Grant Amount

The total approved grant amount will be specified in the confirmation email. For the professional development event category, the funding can only be used for event attendance within Australia and intends to contribute to costs associated with travel, registration and accommodation. The funding must not be used for expenses that are not related to conference attendance. No additional expenses will be funded. Successful applicants are responsible for any cost beyond the approved grant.

Grant Disbursement

Professional association memberships

On submission of a verifiable receipt, Australia Awards Cambodia will reimburse the registration cost up to a maximum of \$300.

Online or in person professional development event

- Up to \$1000 reimbursed upon time of registration
- Up to \$500 reimbursed after submission of an acceptable completion report

What am I expected to produce after the conference?

Funding will be granted on the expectation that a report of approximately 500 words will be provided to Australia Awards Cambodia detailing the professional development activity and impact on scholars' professional skills, knowledge and networks, building their capacity to make positive contributions to Cambodia and the relationship between Cambodia and Australia. Australia Awards Cambodia will send a template report that needs to be completed within two weeks of activity completion or 3 months since membership started.

How do I apply?

Applications are via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PDGJul26>

Questions?

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