



ASEAN-AUSTRALIA CENTRE EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Apply now for the next two cohorts of the Emerging Leaders Program!

Digital economy and food and agriculture

ASEAN-Australia Centre

The ASEAN-Australia Centre was announced by the Prime Minister of Australia at the ASEAN-Australia Special Summit in March 2024.

Operational since 1 July 2024, the Centre will implement key recommendations from *Invested: Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040* and promote greater Southeast Asia literacy in Australia. The Centre will deliver initiatives that strengthen business, education, cultural and community connections between Australia, ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste.

Emerging leaders program

The program supports three cohorts of 25 early-to-mid-career professionals across three thematic sectors. 22 professionals from ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste and three from Australia, are brought together to build networks, deepen cross-cultural connections and develop strategic leadership capabilities.

Each course runs over a three-month period and comprise virtual sessions and a one-week component in Australia.

The program offers a balance of theoretical and practical insights, engagement with external bodies, cultural and social activities, networking and development of a return-to-work plan.

Objectives

The Emerging Leaders Program will support you to:

- expand your knowledge, skills and experience in the sector you work in
- learn from diverse industry experts and program participants through interactive sessions and discussions
- be immersed in cultural experiences and activities

- build connections with other participants from the ASEAN region, Timor-Leste and Australia through formal and informal activities
- network with individuals and organisations relevant to your area of work
- discover Australian First Nations perspectives and experiences through a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
- explore issues of importance to women, people living with disability and other traditionally marginalised groups
- contribute to efforts in the ASEAN region and Timor-Leste to tackle identified issues, through implementing a return-to-work plan and leveraging your new connections.

Learning outcomes

- Enhance your capacity to lead change and development in your sector.
- Make and leverage cross-regional connections and opportunities for collaboration between other emerging leaders.
- Learn about the latest Australian policies and practices in your sector.
- Understand the impact of key issues and opportunities in your sector and how best to leverage these.

Inclusions

Emerging Leaders Program participants will receive:

- a return airfare to Australia
- accommodation, transport and meals for the in-Australia component
- pre-departure information and virtual briefings.

Key dates

Applications open: Wednesday 13 November 2024

Applications close: Sunday 8 December 2024
(11:59PM AEDT)

Applications submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

Digital economy course

Virtual pre-departure workshop: 27 February, 13 March, and 27 March 2025 (4-6pm AEDT)

In Australia (Melbourne): 5-12 April 2025
(inclusive of arrival and departure)

Virtual post-program sessions: 24 April and 15 May 2025 (3-5pm AEDT)

Food and agriculture course (sustainable agriculture / horticulture)

Virtual pre-departure workshop: 17 April (4-6pm AEDT), 30 April (3-5pm AEDT) and 8 May 2025 (3-5pm AEDT)

In Australia: 17-24 May 2025 (inclusive of arrival and departure)

Virtual post-program sessions: 5 June and 19 June (3-5pm AEDT)

Application process

All applicants must complete the application documents on this [link](#) and submit all relevant documents to: apply@aseanlla.com. Documents include:

- a curriculum vitae
- [an employer endorsement letter](#)
- two professional [referee reports](#)
- if you are not based in Australia, a copy of your passport ID page.

Assessment

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- you are an early-to-mid-career professional with between five- and ten-years' work experience in the relevant sector
- you can demonstrate your commitment the ASEAN region and Timor-Leste
- you have a bachelor's degree or equivalent

- you can demonstrate your commitment to exercising personal and professional leadership in a community or professional capacity.

Short listed applicants will be invited to attend an online interview.

Commitment

Participants commit to:

- full attendance during the in-Australia component
- attend at least 80 per cent of virtual sessions over a three-month period
- prepare and implement a return-to-work-plan
- engage actively and foster networks with stakeholders across Australia, ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste to share lessons from the program
- contribute the skills and knowledge gained during the Emerging Leaders Program in your workplace.

Eligibility Criteria

All prospective applicants must adhere to the following eligibility requirements:

- you are a citizen of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Timor-Leste or Australia
- your supervisor endorses your application
- if you are not Australia based, you have a valid passport that meets Australian immigration requirements
- you have professional working proficiency in English (recommended at least IELTS 6.5).

More information

A virtual information session will be held on Monday 2 December 2024.

- 2pm AEDT for Digital economy
 - register your interest [here](#)
- 3pm AEDT for Food and agriculture
 - register your interest [here](#)

Frequently asked questions and answers can be found [here](#).

For more information please contact: apply@ASEANLLA.com

ASEAN-AUSTRALIA CENTRE SHORT COURSES

Are you an early-to-mid-career professional in the Resources in the Energy Transition or STEM sectors? Apply now for our Short Courses

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Short Courses

The Short Courses support Recommendation 35 of *Invested Australia's Southeast Asia Economic Strategy to 2040*, to "offer two-way tertiary scholarships in the resources sector to address skills shortages and gender equality and enhance Southeast Asia's technical capacity".

The ASEAN-Australia Centre Short Courses aims to build technical capacity, knowledge and expertise of participants in the STEM and resources sectors. These courses will support two cohorts of 22 early-to-mid-career professionals from ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste across the thematic areas of **Women in STEM** and **Resources and Energy Transition**.

Each of the two Short Courses will run over a three-month period and comprise virtual sessions (four half-day sessions) and a two-week stay in Australia.

The program offers a balance of theoretical and practical insights, industry visits and networking events allowing participants to experience Australian "best practice" first-hand, introductions to Australia's cultural heritage and development of a return-to-work plan.

Objectives

The Short Courses will support you to:

- expand your knowledge, skills and experience in your relevant sector
- learn from diverse industry experts and program participants through interactive sessions
- be immersed in cultural experiences and discover Australian First Nations perspectives
- build connections with other participants from the ASEAN region and Timor-Leste through formal and informal activities
- network with individuals and organisations relevant to your area of work
- explore issues of importance to women, people living with disability and other traditionally marginalised groups
- contribute to efforts in the ASEAN region and Timor-Leste to tackle identified issues, through implementing a return-to-work plan and leveraging your new connections.

Learning Outcomes

- Increased knowledge and practical skills relevant to your sector, reflecting a deeper understanding of industry practices and innovations.
- Engage effectively with diverse perspectives, showcasing an appreciation for cultural and gender diversity in STEM or resources fields.
- Build and leverage professional networks, establishing meaningful connections with peers and industry experts to support collaborative opportunities and career development.
- Create a comprehensive return-to-work plan that incorporates insights gained from the course, facilitating the application of new knowledge and connections in their professional pursuits.

Inclusions

Short Course participants will receive:

- a return economy airfare to Australia

- accommodation, transport and meals for the in-Australia component
- pre-departure information and virtual briefings

Key Dates

Please note, applications submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

Resources in Energy Transition

Virtual pre-departure sessions: Monday 27 January and Tuesday 28 January 2025

In Australia (Brisbane, Canberra): Monday 10 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Virtual post-program sessions: Monday 31 March to Tuesday 1 April 2025

Applications close: Sunday 8 December 2024 (11:59PM AEDT)

Women in STEM

Virtual pre-departure workshop: Monday 7 April and Tuesday 8 April 2025

In Australia (Brisbane, Canberra,): Monday 28 April to Friday 9 May 2025

Virtual post-program sessions: Monday 26 May to Tuesday 27 May 2025

Applications close: Wednesday 1 January 2025 (11:59PM AEDT)

Application Process

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Assessment

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- you are an early-to-mid-career professional with up to ten-years' work experience

- your ability to build networks and experience diverse perspectives in your relevant sector
- you have a bachelor's degree or equivalent.

Short listed applicants will be invited to attend an online interview.

Commitment

Participants will commit to:

- full attendance during the two-week in-Australia component
- attend at least 80 per cent of virtual sessions over a three-month period
- prepare and implement a return-to-work-plan
- engage actively and foster networks with stakeholders across Australia, ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste to share lessons from the program

Eligibility Criteria

All prospective applicants must adhere to the following eligibility requirements:

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- if you are currently working, your supervisor endorses your application
- you have professional working proficiency in English (recommended at least IELTS 6.5)
- you have a valid passport that meets Australian immigration requirements.

More Information

A virtual information session will be held on **Monday 25 November 2024**.

- **2pm AEDT for Energy Transition Sector**
 - o register your interest [here](#)
- **3pm AEDT for STEM Sector**
 - o register your interest [here](#)

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