



THE HAMER SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES

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01 / AT A GLANCE

1.1 About the Program

The Victorian Government Hamer Scholarships Program is a language and cultural immersion program designed to build the Asia-engagement capabilities of Victorians and to help strengthen cultural awareness and partnerships between Victoria and Asia. The program provides scholarships for Victorians to undertake intensive language study at nominated universities or institutions in China, Indonesia, Japan and Korea.

1.2 Value

The Hamer Scholarships program provides \$10,000 each for study in China or Indonesia, or \$15,000 each for study in Japan or Korea.

1.3 Am I eligible?

To be eligible for consideration for the scholarship candidates must be:

- Aged 21 or above during the time of submitting the application
- Australian citizens or permanent residents (residents of Victoria only)
- Willing to study a language at nominated institution (for a minimum of five months)
- Not in receipt of any other language study grant, funding or scholarship
- Preference will be given to those already in the workforce

02 / ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Hamer Scholarships program provides \$10,000 scholarships for China or Indonesia, or \$15,000 scholarships for Japan or Korea, for one to two semester study duration (minimum 5-6 months) at one of the nominated institutions in China, Indonesia, Japan and Korea. The scholarship is to be used for intensive language study related expenses only, including:

- international air travel to and from the elected country
- accommodation and living expenses
- compulsory comprehensive travel insurance
- tuition and related fees
- text books and other study materials
- other study-related out-of-pocket expenses while in the elected country

The Scholarships are a contribution to the recipient's financial requirements for at least five months of overseas study. Any additional costs will be at the expense of the recipients.

The Scholarships are primarily aimed at people working in public, private, not for profit and creative industries with linkages to China, Indonesia, Japan or Korea. Recent graduates, higher education students and researchers with specific study and/or research links to China, Indonesia, Japan or Korea are also welcome to apply.

03 / APPLICATION ROUNDS

There will be one Hamer Scholarship application round per year, opening from February – March each year. This application round covers study commencing within 12 months of applying for the Hamer Scholarship (i.e. before March-April the following year).

Check the Hamer Scholarships website for application opening dates.

04 / ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration for the scholarship candidates must be:

- aged 21 or above during the time of completing the application
- Australian citizens or permanent residents who are residents of Victoria. Victorians living, working or studying in China, Indonesia, Japan or Korea may also be considered, however preference will be given to those currently residing in Victoria. Proof of age, citizenship or permanent residency is required and will only be accepted in the form of passport identification and permanent residency documentation
- willing to study a language at one of the nominated institutions, for no less than one to two semesters (minimum 5-6 months). Alternative universities, institutions or non-language courses will not be considered
- not in receipt of any other grant, funding or scholarship for study in the elected country

05 / SELECTION CRITERIA

- The candidate has provided a clear study plan, study timeline and outline of how funds will be spent
- The candidate has provided a compelling case outlining how the scholarship will benefit their future study and/or career path and organisation through not only increasing language skills but developing partnerships and networks. While the Hamer Scholarships program is a language study scholarship there is an expectation that recipients will also seek to further their professional in-country networks
- The candidate has provided a compelling case outlining how, by undertaking the scholarship, this will benefit Victoria
- The candidate has provided evidence of being able to cope in a foreign environment
- The candidate has demonstrated a clear commitment to using the language skills in the future
- The candidate must demonstrate a clear understanding of professional in-country networking

06 / HAMER SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATED UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS

Hamer Scholarships are only available for language study at nominated institutions and universities. Study duration must be at least five months. Applications that do not meet this criteria will automatically be deemed ineligible.

Applicants may apply for courses commencing within 12 months of applying for a scholarship and must undertake at least 5-6 months in-country study.

Recipients are required meet the institution's enrolment deadline, which may include upfront associated fees. Successful Hamer Scholarship candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application 6 – 8 weeks after the Hamer Scholarship closing date. Possible payments or fees associated with the university or institution application will be at the applicants own cost.

Nominated Universities and Institutions

6.1 China

The nominated universities and institutions in China are:

- Nanjing University (Nanjing)
- Jiangnan University (Wuxi)
- Soochow University (Suzhou)
- Nanjing Normal University (Nanjing)
- Sichuan University (Chengdu)

6.2 Japan

The nominated universities and institutions in Japan are:

- Nanzan University (Nagoya, Aichi)
- Nagoya Gakuin University (Nagoya, Aichi)
- Yamasa Institute (Okazaki, Aichi)
- Aichi Gakuin University (Nisshin, Aichi)
- Waseda University (Tokyo) Centre for Japanese Language
- Aichi Shukutoku University (Nagakute, Aichi)

For Study in Japan:

- Candidates applying for Nagoya Gakuin University are required to undertake a minimum of one year study

- Candidates applying for Aichi Gakuin University need to note the following for application:
 - a) 1 year minimum study
 - b) A guarantor who is a Japanese citizen or permanent resident
 - c) Minimum 110 point of the Examination for Japanese University Admission for International Students (EJU) or the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) N5 or J.TEST level E

6.3 Indonesia

The nominated universities and institutions in Indonesia are:

- University of Indonesia (UI – Jakarta)
- Gadjah Mada University (UGM – Yogyakarta)
- Gadjah Mada University (UGM – Yogyakarta)
- Indonesia University of Education or Pendidikan University (UPI – Bandung)

For study in Indonesia:

- Candidates applying for study in Indonesia must include some form of extra tutoring or language classes in addition to University class time in order to total 15-20 hours of formal study time per week

- Candidates must include the additional formal study hours in application study plan and cost breakdown
- Candidates studying at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta can apply for evening classes with the Indonesia Australia Language Foundation

6.4 Korea

The nominated universities and institutions in Korea are:

- Seoul National University (Seoul)
- Korea University (Seoul)
- Yonsei University (Seoul)

For Study in Korea: Hamer applicants must complete 2 terms to be in-country for a minimum 6 months.

07 / HOW TO APPLY

Applications will open from February – March of each year. Please check our website for exact application dates.

There are three stages in the application process. The first step is to complete the online application form.

STAGE 1 Submit application

Candidates will be required to undertake their own research to seek available and appropriate courses at one of the recommended institutions nominated for the Hamer Scholarship Program.

To be eligible, before submitting the application candidates must ensure that all fields are complete and the following documents are attached:

- a copy of the candidate's CV
- a copy of the candidate's passport for verification of age and citizenship or permanent residency (proof of permanent residency must be provided)
- a letter of endorsement is attached. Letters of endorsement must be a specific recommendation for the applicant's suitability to undertake the Hamer Scholarships program. Letters of endorsement from the following will be accepted: current or previous employer/academic institution, industry associations, chambers of commerce, business partners or high level clients

- Self-written letters or letters from family members will not be accepted. Applications without a letter of endorsement will not be accepted. A letter of endorsement should be similar to a reference letter, and the author should recommend the candidate as a suitable recipient for the Hamer Scholarship Program
- contact details of two referees

Applications that do not meet the requirements will not be considered.

All applications will be acknowledged by email and assessed against the selection criteria.

STAGE 2 Shortlisted applicants

Successful applications will be shortlisted and notified by email/phone and invited to participate in an interview with a Hamer Scholarship selection panel.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email.

STAGE 3 Successful applicants

Successful applicants will be notified by email/phone and will be sent a formal Letter of Acceptance and the Terms and Agreements for undertaking the program.

Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by email.

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