



ASEAN-Australia Health Security Fellowships Calling Australian applicants for a Laos Field placement

Competitive scholarships to support you to study in
Australia's Field Epidemiology Training Program

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY

Who can apply?

Australian citizens or residents who are able and willing to take up a field placement at the National Centre for Laboratory and Epidemiology in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic in February 2020

Australia has an outstanding record of training field epidemiologists. First established in 1991, there have been over 200 graduates from the MAE, Australia's field epidemiology training

program (FETP) based at The Australian National University (ANU). Graduates have made significant contributions to disease control and health security both in Australia and internationally.

Australian to undertake their field placement at their institution from 2020.

The National Centre for
Epidemiology & Population Health,
Research School of Population
Health,
ANU College of Health and
Medicine,
The Australian National
University,
Canberra, Australia

The ASEAN-Australian Health Security Fellowships provide financial support for high calibre Australian candidates to undertake the MAE Program in ASEAN countries with available field placements.

In 2020, the National Centre for Laboratory and Epidemiology in Vientiane, Laos is offering an

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The MAE Program

The MAE is a 22 month research degree that emphasises work-integrated learning - learning at work, from work, for work - the model of internationally successful FETPs.

During this period the successful candidate will be based at the National Centre for Laboratory and Epidemiology in Vientiane, Laos. Experienced ANU staff and local field supervisors oversee the work of the scholar. Field projects are selected in consultation with field supervisors on the basis of their potential contribution to public health actions, programs, policies and practice.

Scholars also complete up to 8 weeks of on-campus coursework at the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health (NCEPH) at ANU in Canberra.

MAE Scholars

All MAE scholars have a passion for public health, especially field epidemiology, and are selected into the program in consultation with the field placement organisation.

Over the last 26 years, MAE scholars in field placements have made significant contributions to communicable disease control both in Australia and internationally. They have:

- > investigated, responded to and reported on over 300 outbreaks,
- > established, evaluated and analysed data from many surveillance systems, and
- > participated in the response to local, national and international public health emergencies including the responses to Ebola virus, pandemic H1N1 influenza and SARS.

Benefits of being an MAE Scholar

The MAE is more than an education program; it provides you with work experience while you learn. This means you will have a great Curriculum Vitae as well as an internationally recognised qualification when you graduate.

As a MAE scholar in Laos you will contribute directly to the public health functions and activities of your field placement. You will co-design and

conduct projects that are aligned with Laos national priorities and have a significant translational impact on policy and practice in Laos.

You can expect to learn how to conduct epidemiology in the field setting and gain highly valuable skills for the public health workplace.

In addition, the MAE program is a member of TEPHINET, the international network of field epidemiology programs globally. MAE scholars have the opportunity to become part of this network. An opportunity will be available for you to present your work at an annual TEPHINET conference, or at another conference.

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The fellowship provides successful candidates with:

- > a stipend for living costs (36,000 AUD per annum, pro-rata) for a period of 22 months;
- > tuition fees;
- > accommodation and travel to attend course blocks in Canberra;
- > a contribution towards relocation expenses; and
- > a contribution towards field work expenses.

Funding has been made available by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through Health Security Initiative for the Indo-Pacific Region.

Field placements

Organisations providing field placements:

- > participate in the process of recruiting and selecting scholars,
- > identify field projects that
 - o contribute to development challenges for the country, and
 - o enable scholars to meet the required core competencies,
- > provide a field supervisor/mentor with the appropriate skills to support the scholar, and
- > provide a work environment and resources that enable effective learning while the scholar contributes directly to the work-place functions and activities.

The application and selection process

Australian citizens and residents are eligible to apply. You must also be able and willing to take up a field placement in the National Centre for Laboratory and Epidemiology in Vientiane, Laos People's Democratic Republic for the duration of the program.

All applicants are required to meet the admission criteria for the MAE program and the ANU. This includes at least a Bachelor degree with an overall grade of distinction, or other equivalent or superior degree. Relevant work history and demonstrated ability to adapt positively and be independent in cross cultural or other challenging environments is also viewed favourably.

The MAE faculty will be responsible for short-listing candidates for interview based on demonstrated prior study and work experience and the ANU admission requirements.

The field placements participate in the selection of scholars in teleconference interviews. This ensures the best match between the scholar and the field placement.

The ANU is committed to promoting gender equity and applications from women will be encouraged.

Applications will open in mid June and close in mid July 2019. Refer to the website at rsph.anu.edu.au and please ensure you follow the application instructions very carefully.

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See the ASEAN-Australia Health Security Fellowship announcement at

<http://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/anu-welcomes-new-agreement-to-train-asean-health-fellows>