



ASEAN-AUSTRALIA CENTRE EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Are you an early-to-mid-career professional in the health care sector?
Apply now for the Emerging Leaders Program

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 ASEAN-Australia Centre Emerging Leaders Program will run from late 2024 to mid-2025.

The program will support three cohorts of 25 early-to-mid-career professionals, 22 from ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste and three from Australia, across the thematic areas of health care, digital economy, and food and agriculture.

Each of the three cohorts' programs will run over a three-month period and comprise virtual sessions and an eight day stay 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 your chosen field (health care, digital economy or food and agriculture)
- 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 through formal and informal activities
- network with Australian individuals and organisations relevant to your area of work
- discover Australian First Nations perspectives and experiences through a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, expert speakers and excursions
- explore issues of importance to women, people living with disability and other traditionally marginalised groups
- contribute to your country's development through implementing a return-to-work plan and fostering your new connections.

BENEFITS

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 briefing
- a program of stimulating thematic-focused sessions delivered by expert facilitators and industry visits relevant to your thematic area
- a tailored program of cultural experiences and optional social activities
- 24/7 support through a dedicated phone number and access to welfare support staff.

KEY DATES FOR COHORT ONE:

HEALTH CARE

Applications open: Monday 7 October

Applications close: Friday 18 October (11:59PM AEDT)

Virtual pre-departure workshop: week commencing 11 November 2024 (half day).

In Australia: late-November 2024.

Virtual sessions: November 2024 – February 2025.
Up to 10 two-hour sessions.

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

Application and program dates for cohorts two and three (digital economy, and food and agriculture) will be announced in late 2024.

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applications must be emailed to apply@ASEANLLA.com

Applications must include:

- a completed [application form](#)
- a curriculum vitae
- a copy of your passport ID page
- an employer [endorsement letter](#)
- two professional [referee reports](#)

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 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 in the week commencing 21 October.

COMMITMENT

Participants will commit to:

- full attendance during the eight-day in-Australia component in November/December 2024
- 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 on return to your home country.

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

MORE INFORMATION

A virtual information session will be held on **Friday 11 October, 2pm AEDT** for applicants interested in cohort one: Emerging Leaders in the health care sector.

You can register your interest [here](#)

For more information please contact: apply@ASEANLLA.com