



Australia Awards

Indonesian Language Learning Ambassadors



OVERVIEW

The Indonesian Language Learning Ambassadors (ILLA) program was initially launched in 2017 and ran through 2019. It was then paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following Indonesian President Joko Widodo's visit to Australia in July 2023, a joint announcement with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese confirmed the ILLA program's resumption in Australian primary and secondary schools.

Australia Awards in Indonesia relaunched the ILLA program in early 2024 and will continue to expand it in 2025 and beyond. The program will involve even more host institution partners across Australia.

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AUSTRALIA AWARDS

The Australia Awards is a prestigious and transformational scholarship program funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for emerging leaders from developing countries.

Australia Awards Scholarship recipients involved in ILLA are living in Australia and studying a Master or PhD program in a range of disciplines at an Australian university. The scholarship recipients come from diverse backgrounds, with teachers well-represented among them.

At any given time, there are over 300 Indonesian Australia Awards scholars in Australia.

When they complete their program, scholars return to Indonesia to use their knowledge, skills, and experience to contribute to Indonesia's development, prosperity, and resilience.



WHAT IS ILLA?

ILLA matches participating Australian schools and universities with the 'Ambassador', an Indonesian scholar funded by the Australian Government.

The ILLA program provides Australian Government-funded scholars from Indonesia with an opportunity to directly engage with Australian schools or universities and learn first-hand about Australian culture, community, and classroom teaching practices. It also enables Ambassadors to establish local Australian community connections.

Australian schools and universities engaged in the program will benefit from passionate and engaged scholars willing to share their language, knowledge, cultural perspective, and enthusiasm about Indonesia. School and university students involved with the program will improve their knowledge and understanding of Indonesia through direct experiences with an Ambassador.

ILLA Benefits

Benefits for Schools:

Enhances Indonesian Language Skills

- Simple and effective way to engage students in Indonesian language learning.
- Provides firsthand experience of Indonesian language and culture.

Cultural Awareness

- Fosters understanding of Indonesia, creating culturally inclusive students.
- Stimulates interest in learning Indonesian.

Benefits for Universities:

Rich Linguistic Experience

- Students interact with native Indonesian speakers, exposing them to diverse accents.
- Enriches class content with real-world, contemporary perspectives from Indonesia.

Cross-Cultural Understanding

- Encourages the development of relationships with future Indonesian leaders.
- Promotes global citizenship.

Benefits for Scholars:

Professional Experience

- Opportunities to practice teaching, public speaking, and cultural exchange.
- Work in Australian classrooms, gaining valuable teaching and presentation experience.

Cultural Immersion

- Immersion in Australian culture while sharing Indonesian traditions.
- Experience Australian education systems, gaining insights into global perspectives.



ILLA Likely Outcomes

For Schools:

- Increased proficiency in the Indonesian language.
- Exposure to Indonesian culture and contemporary life.

For Universities:

- Exposure to native Indonesian speakers and diverse cultural perspectives.
- Strengthened ties between Indonesia and Australia.

For Ambassadors:

- Greater professional and personal growth.
- Opportunities for international networking and cross-cultural exchange.

ILLA Cost and Support

The program is voluntary, with limited financial support for ambassadors to cover transport, meals, and activities.

- No cost to Schools and Universities.
- Australia Awards Indonesia assists with matching schools and ambassadors, obtaining necessary checks, providing orientation for ambassadors, facilitating engagement, and monitoring.

VISIT FREQUENCY AND FLEXIBILITY

Ambassadors are full-time Master's or PhD students and may have other commitments.

Flexible Visit Schedules	Visit Options
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flexibility is key—schools and universities can negotiate visit frequency.• The ideal number of visits is six	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular visits for deeper engagement• Intensive short-term visits for regional areas.

How Does ILLA Work?

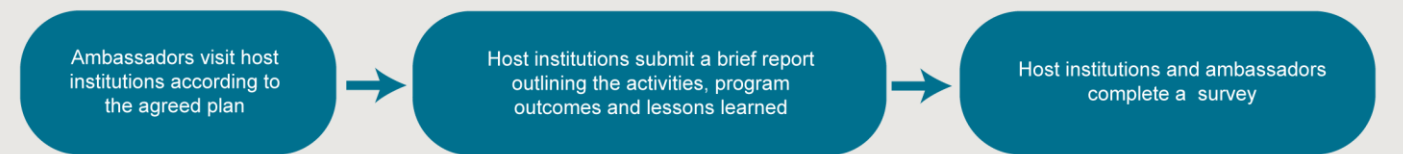
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Matching and Orientation Stage



Implementation Stage



Who are our ILLA Hosts?

- Any institutions (schools, universities, or language institutions) based in Australia.
- Institutions with strong interest in Indonesian language and culture.
- Institutions that are eager to provide a supportive environment for the ambassador's cultural and educational exchange.

Who are our ILLA ambassadors?




- Indonesian citizens currently studying in Australia (PhD and Master's) with strong academic records.
- Individuals who are passionate about cross-cultural exchange and teaching, and are eager to share their experiences as global citizens.



NATURE OF ENGAGEMENT

A broad range of activities is possible, depending on the year level and language abilities of the school or university students and the interests and background of the Ambassador.

Range of Activities

 <p>Primary Schools:</p>	 <p>Secondary Schools:</p>	 <p>Universities:</p>
<p>Arts, crafts, games, cultural stories, and food</p>	<p>Cultural activities, language practice, and real-life insights into Indonesian society</p>	<p>Guest lecture, cultural exchange and mentorship opportunities</p>

These are just a few suggestions. Please feel free to discuss with our team if you have any other ideas as we would love to hear them.

How to apply to be an ILLA Host?

- Submit your Eol at <https://oz.link/ILLAHostEOI> by **15 May 2025** (for the second cohort of ILLA in 2025)
- Matching outcomes announced: **End of June 2025**
- Introductory process: **mid to end of July 2025**
- ILLA program start date: **Early August 2025**