

Field Work Requirements for Australia Awards Scholarship Students

Statement from Supervisor

Before an awardee undertakes field work, the Australia Awards Institution/Student Contact Officer needs to document the fieldwork details as required by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Supervisors should provide (in writing) to the Student Contact Officer:

- a. An outline of the proposed field work research programme including a timeline, showing its essential relationship to the awardee's course of study
- b. A statement from the supervisor that the field work is essential for the successful completion of the awardee's research
- c. A proposed itinerary, including dates in various areas to be visited within the home country
- d. Details of supervision arrangements (must be able to advise DFAT within two weeks if the awardee is progressing well)
- e. An assessment of any likely effect on award duration (all field work is expected to be completed within the normal length of the award)

Eligibility

The Fieldwork entitlement in the scholarship is only a contribution to an awardee's fieldwork costs. Only the international return airfares to the airport closest to the fieldwork location will be funded during the scholarship period. Field work assistance is provided only in respect of awardees who are undertaking a PhD, Masters by Research or Masters by coursework which has a research component, where fieldwork is a compulsory component.

Duration

The maximum period which may be approved for overseas field work is 12 months. Fieldwork must not result in an extension to the scholarship.

Location

Field work must be undertaken in Australia or an awardee's home country. Fieldwork which is to take place in more than one location in Australia or in the awardee's home country must be identified in the awardee's approved research proposal.

Family

Awardees who have dependants with them in Australia must consult the Department of Immigration on the policy relating to the dependants staying in Australia or travelling with the awardee.

Please forward your statement to Debra Basanovic, Student Contact Officer, International Sponsored Students Unit, UWA, MBDP 352 or email debra.basanovic@uwa.edu.au