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The Alumni COVID-19 Grants Scheme



The **Alumni COVID-19 Grants Scheme** (AGS) These open competitive grants will allow alumni to collaborate with peers or other individuals and organisations to undertake research and development projects that build resilience and recovery efforts in communities impacted by the pandemic. Projects should focus on the core areas of health security, stability and economic recovery in their response initiatives.

A multi-sectoral approach which considers social and economic needs, with a strong emphasis on protecting the **most vulnerable sectors of society**, including women and girls, persons with disabilities, children, displaced populations, the elderly, indigenous peoples, and other vulnerable groups is highly encouraged.



Program Objectives



The 2021-2022 Australian Alumni Covid-19 Response Grants Scheme aims to assist alumni to:

- undertake research that uses their knowledge and skills gained from their Australian education or training. It gives alumni a platform to conduct research initiatives that would better understand COVID-19 and respond to current challenges brought about by the pandemic. Cross-disciplinary research proposals are highly encouraged.
- Lead projects that contribute to building resilience and recovery efforts in communities impacted by Covid-19. It gives alumni a platform to leverage their competencies gained from their Australian education or training in implementing the projects.

Key Dates



APPLICATION STAGE	DATE/S
Call for proposals	Monday, 27 September 2021
Deadline for Applications	Friday, 12 November 2021*
Notification of Results	January 2022
Commencement of Activity	February 2022 to January 2023

**Proposals will be advised not later than 31 January 2022. Proposals will be assessed as they come in, and if selected, successful proponents may begin project implementation immediately.*

Focus Areas for 2021-2022



The Australian Alumni Covid-19 Response Development Grants Scheme will award the grant to successful proposals that are aligned to the [Philippines COVID-19 Development Response Plan](#), with particular focus on:

- i. Strengthening **HEALTH SECURITY**;
- ii. Maintaining **STABILITY**; and
- iii. Promoting **ECONOMIC RECOVERY**.



The Australian Government has a strong commitment to supporting initiatives that protect the most vulnerable sectors of society. These are women and girls, persons with disabilities, children, displaced populations, the elderly, indigenous peoples and other vulnerable groups and strongly encourages applications from alumni supporting these sectors.

Eligibility



- Filipino nationals who have graduated from a recognised Australian tertiary education, including those that self-funded their study in Australia.
- Alumni who have graduated from short-term study or fellowship programs from recognised Australian institutions and alumni of AAAEP-P programs, including short courses, non-formal learning opportunities and in-country scholarship program (ICSP).
- Alumni can apply as an individual, group or on behalf of an alumni association.
- Applications must be submitted by an alumnus (individual), group of alumni or organisation headed by an alumnus as the Team Leader and demonstrate the ability to conduct quality research, implement development projects and manage grant funds according to AAAEP-P's policies.
- Alumni and their partner individuals and organisations must demonstrate that they are ethically sound and, where necessary, seek prior approval of appropriate review/technical board.

Funding and Duration



The Australian Alumni Covid-19 Response Grants Scheme (Research) will provide financial support **up to PHP500,000**.

The Scheme will not provide funding on the following:

- the conduct of masters or doctoral projects;
- payments to non-Philippine nationals for services rendered;
- purchase of furniture, fixtures, equipment or machinery; and
- salaries and/or compensation of alumni proponent (individual, team leader and alumni members).

The maximum duration for implementing a grant is **12 months** or until 31 January 2023. Implementation should commence within 1 month of funding approval and signing of the Grant Agreement. In case of a delay in execution, the grantee should notify the AAAEP-P in writing proposing new implementation timelines. Proposals that exceed the funding limit and duration may be considered subject to merit and assessment.

Appraisal and Approval Procedures



All proposals should be submitted online at www.australiaawardsphilippines.org/alumni/ags using the prescribed templates on or before **12 November 2021**. All applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. Selected proposals will be advised not later than **15 January 2022**. Proposals will be assessed as they come in, and if selected, the proponent may begin project implementation immediately.

Proposals will be assessed and approved on a competitive basis by the Grants Screening Committee composed of representatives from the: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and external members from either the private or development sector.

Exclusions



Activities and expenses ineligible for funding include:

- Academic or short-course training to be taken by the alumnus/alumna.
- Australia Awards Re-Entry Action Plans.
- Travel to other countries by the alumnus/alumna
- Salaries and compensation of alumni proponent (individual, team leader and alumni members)

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**You can't go anywhere,
*but your idea can.***



**Be a changemaker and help the Philippines
combat COVID-19.**