



AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION DHAKA

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Mr. Kazi Shofiqul Azam
Secretary (in-charge)
Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance
Block 8, Room 3
Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka

Re: Australia Awards Fellowships in 2017 (Round 17).

Dear Mr. Shofiqul Azam,

I am pleased to inform you that the next round (Round 17) of the Australia Awards Fellowships will open on 1 March 2017 and close on 29 March 2017. Australian organisations with on-going links to overseas counterpart organisations in eligible countries, including Bangladesh, are eligible to apply for an Australia Awards Fellowship.

In this regard, interested Australian organisations are likely to communicate with relevant organisations in Bangladesh, including Economic Relations Division, to form fellowship partnerships. We would like to encourage ERD and Bangladeshi organisations to look for potential partnerships with Australian organisations to utilise this opportunity to develop organisational capacities.

Australia Awards Fellowships aims to:

- strengthen partnerships and links between Australian organisations and partner organisations in developing countries, in support of Australia's economic diplomacy and public diplomacy objectives; and
- increase the capacity of developing countries to advance priority foreign affairs and development issues of shared interest at the country, sub-regional and regional levels.

Fellowship activities are aimed at providing high quality training, exchange of expertise, skills and knowledge, and opportunities to enhance networks on issues of shared interest. For further information, please visit <http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-fellowships.aspx>

Australia remains a committed development partner to Bangladesh. We believe that the Australian Awards Fellowships will significantly contribute to further strengthening the ties between our two nations.

Yours sincerely,

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