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### **Australia supports future Leaders through increased scholarship opportunities**

The Australian Government has recently launched a new category of scholarships supported through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). Over the next five years, more than 3,000 new Australian Leadership Scholarships will be offered across the Asia Pacific region.

Australian Leadership Awards will offer in-Australia education and learning opportunities to current and potential leaders from the public, private or community sectors who are judged under the selection criteria to be capable of influencing development outcomes.

“The Australian Scholarships initiative demonstrates the high value that Australia places on building relationships with Cambodia and other countries in the region, based on mutual understanding, respect and people-to-people linkages informed by education. These awards will be offered on a competitive basis throughout the region and I strongly encourage Cambodians to take advantage of this unique opportunity, and apply”, the Australian Ambassador, Ms Lisa Filippetto, said.

These new scholarships complement the highly regarded Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) programme, which provides 20 post-graduate scholarships each year to help strengthen the human resource capacity of Cambodia's civil service.

To find out more about Australian Leaderships Awards go to: [www.australian-scholarships.gov.au](http://www.australian-scholarships.gov.au).

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