



AAPS Alumni Survey 2021 Items:

Area of Focus	Type	Question	Response options
	Preamble text	The questions in this survey relate to the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS) or Australian Regional Development Scholarship (ARDS) which you have previously completed. If you have undertaken more than one AAPS or ARDS scholarship please answer these questions in relation to one that gave you the higher qualification.	
Characteristics/ demographics	Information relating to Award	<p>PD1</p> <p>a. What was the type of scholarship/award that you received?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS) - Australian Regional Development Scholarship (ARDS) - Other [open ended text box] <p>b. In which country did you undertake your AAPS/ARDS? (<i>drop down box</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cook Islands - Fiji - French Polynesia - Kiribati - Marshall Islands - Micronesia (FSM) - Nauru - New Caledonia - Niue - Palau - Papua New Guinea - Samoa - Solomon Islands - Tonga - Tokelau - Tuvalu - Vanuatu - Australia - Other [open ended text box] <p>c. Host Institution:</p> <p>d. Year of commencement:</p> <p>e. Year of graduation:</p> <p>f. Qualification studied on award (e.g. Master of Education, Bachelor of Arts.):</p> <p>g. Field of study (e.g. Nursing, Civil Engineering, Agriculture):</p>	<p><i>For a. to g. these are prefilled responses based on existing data – for respondent to update if required (or complete if the data was not available).</i></p> <p>/Filtering population: If a respondent indicates they have undertaken an award in Australia (i.e. Aus Award rather than the AAPS or ARDS), they will be routed to a message asking them to confirm that they have not undertaken an AAPS or ARDS in a Pacific education provider, and if this is the case will be thanked for their time and not be asked any further questions in the survey.</p> <p>Wording: [If PD1 b. is Australia or Other]: 'This survey is intended for alumni who studied in a Pacific Island country on an AAPS or ARDS award. It appears that you may not fit this criteria. We do not need you to complete any further questions. If you have any queries, please email aaps@acer.org. Thank you.' /</p>
	Employment/study	PD2: What is your current employment status?	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select all that apply:</p> <p>01 Employed full-time</p> <p>02 Employed part-time</p>



			03 Self-employed 04 Studying 05 Retired 06 Not employed 98 Prefer not to say
	Work-award link	CRS1: To what extent do you agree that your AAPS/ARDS qualification helped you develop the following skills? i. Planning and organisational skills ii. Technical knowledge iii. Communication and interpersonal skills iv. Teamwork v. Problem solving vi. Self-management skills vii. Software / technology skills viii. Entrepreneurial skills ix. Leadership skills	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 Strongly agree 02 Agree 03 Disagree 04 Strongly disagree 98 DON'T KNOW
	Satisfaction overall	CRS2: In relation to your AAPS/ARDS, to what extent do you agree with the following statements: i. I consider what I learned in this qualification as valuable for my future ii. I received the academic support I needed during this qualification iii. I received the welfare and well-being support I needed during this qualification iv. I received the financial support I needed during this qualification v. Overall, I was satisfied with the quality of this qualification	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 Strongly agree 02 Agree 03 Disagree 04 Strongly disagree 98 DON'T KNOW
	Further development	CRS3: Thinking about your needs today, which of the following skills would you like to develop further?	01 Planning and organisational skills 02 Technical knowledge related to your field 03 Communication and interpersonal skills 04 Self-management skills 05 Networking skills for building professional relationships 06 Software / technology skills 07 Entrepreneurial skills 08 Leadership skills 09 Career planning skills 10 Other (please specify)
AAPS-Work links	Work-award link	<i>If employed full-time, part-time or self-employed:</i>	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 Yes



		EMP1: Is the qualification you gained during your AAPS/ARDS a formal requirement for you to do your current job?	02 No 98 Don't know
	Work-award link	<i>If employed full-time, part-time or self-employed:</i> EMP2: In relation to your AAPS/ARDS, to what extent do you agree with the following statements: i. This qualification prepared me adequately for this job ii. I use the skills I gained from this qualification in my job	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 Strongly agree 02 Agree 03 Disagree 04 Strongly disagree 98 Don't know
Outcome 1	Contributions – skill/knowledge sharing	These statements are about contributions you may have made following your AAPS/ARDS. Q1: To what extent do you agree that... A: I have passed on my new skills and knowledge to: i. colleagues I work with. ii. students I teach. iii. participants/beneficiaries of projects and programs in which I am involved. iv. family and friends. v. other people in my community.	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 Strongly agree 02 Agree 03 Disagree 04 Strongly disagree 97 Not applicable 98 Don't know
	Contributions micro to macro	Q1B: As a result of your AAPS/ARDS to what extent do you agree with the following statements: i. My work and career opportunities have improved. ii. My salary/remuneration package improved. iii. I have used my new knowledge and skills to improve the organisations I work in. iv. I have used my new knowledge and skills to contribute to improving local communities. [A community where you live or where you work/have worked.] v. I have used my new knowledge and skills to make contributions to development at a national level in my country. vi. I have used my new knowledge and skills to make contributions to development at a regional and/or global level. [Regional and global contributions could be influencing policy, practice or innovation in governments or organisations across multiple countries.]	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 Strongly agree 02 Agree 03 Disagree 04 Strongly disagree 97 Not applicable 98 Don't know
	Contributions - example	Q2: Please describe an example of a contribution you have made using the knowledge, skills and/or networks you developed in your AAPS/ARDS:	RESPONSE FRAME 95 Please type in your answer here



			<p>97 I have not yet been able to use my knowledge and skills and/or networks</p> <p>99 I prefer not to say</p>
Contributions - SDGs	<p><i>If open text response provided:</i></p> <p>Q2a: Based on your example of a contribution you have made, please select the UN Sustainable Development Goal/s (SDG) that you feel your contribution supports:</p> <p>[The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals consist of 17 interlinked goals which address the global challenges that our world and its people face and are designed to help us achieve a better and more sustainable future. For more information on these goals please visit: https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/]</p>		<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select all that your example of a contribution directly supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01 GOAL 1: No Poverty 02 GOAL 2: Zero Hunger 03 GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being 04 GOAL 4: Quality Education 05 GOAL 5: Gender Equality 06 GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation 07 GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy 08 GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth 09 GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure 10 GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality 11 GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities 12 GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production 13 GOAL 13: Climate Action 14 GOAL 14: Life Below Water 15 GOAL 15: Life on Land 16 GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions 17 GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal 97 None of the above /Not applicable 98 Don't know
Enabling factors	<p>Q3a: Which of the following factors have ENABLED your ability to contribute to development since completing your AAPS/ARDS?</p>		<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select all that apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New/improved relevant skills and knowledge from award • Participation in on-award professional work experiences (internships, volunteering etc.) • Ongoing support from lecturers or professional networks developed on award • Support from your workplace • Support from fellow AAPS / ARDS alumni • Support from local AAPS / ARDS alumni association in your country



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support from Australian government in your country • There is a local job market demand for your field of expertise/skills and knowledge • Other factors: [open ended text box] • None of the above • Don't know
	Challenging factors	Q4a: Which of the following factors have MADE IT DIFFICULT for you to contribute to development since completing your AAPS/ARDS?	<p>RESPONSE FRAME Please select all that apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal/family commitments • Securing relevant work post award • Workplace resources and funding • Limited opportunity for advancement/new work tasks • Corruption/nepotism • COVID-19: stood down from work/redundancy/job loss • COVID-19: change in workplace assignment/priorities / projects delayed • The impact of climate change • Other factors: [open ended text box] • None of the above • Don't know
	COVID response involvement	Q5: Have you been directly involved in the COVID-19 response in your community, country or region?	<p>RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Yes 02 No 98 Don't know</p>
	COVID response example	<i>If YES to Q5:</i> Q5a: Please describe how you are involved in the COVID-19 response	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>95 Please type in your answer here 99 Don't know 98 Prefer not to say</p>
Outcome 2+3	Ongoing contact	Q7b Since completing your AAPS/ARDS, how often are you in contact with... a. The Australian High Commission/Embassy/Consulate OR AAPS/ARDS team in your country?	<p>RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Never 02 Sometimes 03 Often</p>



		<p>b. An AAPS/ARDS alumni association in your country?</p> <p>c. Other AAPS/ARDS alumni you met during your award?</p> <p>d. Australians or Australian organisations as part of your professional life?</p>	<p>04 Always</p> <p>97 Not applicable</p> <p>98 Don't know</p>
Future Plans	5 year plans	<p>Q How likely is it that in the next five (5) years you will:</p> <p>a. Apply for an Australia Awards scholarship to undertake further study</p> <p>b. Interact with fellow AAPS/ARDS alumni you met during your scholarship as part of your work/professional life</p> <p>c. Seek opportunities to partner with Australian organisations as part of your work</p> <p>d. Move to another country for work</p> <p>e. Engage in/attend events for AAPS/ARDS alumni</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Very unlikely</p> <p>02 Unlikely</p> <p>03 Likely</p> <p>04 Very likely</p> <p>098 Don't know</p>
Characteristics/ demographics	Employment type	<p><i>If employed full-time, part-time:</i></p> <p>PD2a: What is the name of your current employer? :</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>95 Please type in your answer here</p> <p>98 Prefer not to say</p>
	Employer	<p><i>If employed full-time, part-time or self-employed:</i></p> <p>PD2b: What is your current position/job title? :</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>95 Please type in your answer here</p> <p>98 Prefer not to say</p>
	Work sector	<p><i>If employed full-time, part-time or self-employed:</i></p> <p>PD2c: Which sector do you work in?</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Private (Including independent/freelance contractors and consultants)</p> <p>02 Public/Government</p> <p>03 University/academia (public or private)</p> <p>04 Non-government organisation</p> <p>05 Multilateral organisation (including United Nations, development banks or agencies)</p> <p>06 Other: [open ended text box]</p> <p>98 Don't know</p>
	Work Industry Check box	<p><i>If employed full-time, part-time or self-employed:</i></p> <p>PD2e: Which industry do you work in?</p>	<p>01 Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing</p> <p>02 Mining</p> <p>03 Manufacturing</p> <p>04 Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services</p> <p>05 Construction</p> <p>06 Wholesale Trade</p>



		<p>07 Retail Trade</p> <p>08 Accommodation and Food Services</p> <p>09 Transport, Postal and Warehousing</p> <p>010 Information Media and Telecommunications</p> <p>011 Financial and Insurance Services</p> <p>012 Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services</p> <p>013 Professional, Scientific and Technical Services</p> <p>014 Administrative and Support Services</p> <p>015 Public Administration and Safety</p> <p>016 Education and Training</p> <p>017 Health Care and Social Assistance</p> <p>018 Arts and Recreation Services</p> <p>019 Other Services</p>
Working with Australians	<p><i>If employed full-time, part-time or self-employed:</i></p> <p>PD2f: How often do you work with Australians or Australian organisations as part of your job?</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>01 Never</p> <p>02 Sometimes</p> <p>03 Often</p> <p>04 Always</p> <p>98 Don't know</p>
Work leadership	<p><i>If employed full-time, part-time or self-employed:</i></p> <p>PD2d: Do you hold a leadership role in your current employment?</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 I have a formal leadership role (e.g. manager, supervisor, executive).</p> <p>02 I have an informal leadership role (e.g. mentor).</p> <p>03 I do not have a leadership role.</p>
Community leadership	<p>PD3: Do you hold a leadership role in your community? (e.g. church leader, member of parliament, community leader)</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Yes</p> <p>02 No</p> <p>98 Don't know</p>
Community leadership detail	<p><i>If 01 Yes to PD3:</i></p> <p>PD3a: Please describe your role.</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>95 Please type in your answer here</p> <p>97 Don't know</p> <p>98 Prefer not to say</p>



	Other scholarship	PD4: Since completing your AAPS/ARDS have you received any other scholarships?	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 Yes [Please specify] 02 No 98 Don't know
	Other scholarship detail	<i>If 01 Yes to PD4:</i> PD4a: Which of the following scholarships have you been awarded since completing your AAPS/ARDS?	RESPONSE FRAME Please select all that apply: 01 Australia Awards Scholarship 02 Australia Awards Fellowship 03 Another Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship 04 Other Australian government scholarship 05 Home country government scholarship 06 University scholarship or bursary 99 Other scholarship [Please specify]
	Other scholarship applied	<i>If 02 No to PD4:</i> PD4b: Since completing your AAPS/ARDS have you applied for any other scholarships?	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 Yes [Please specify] 02 No 98 Don't know
	Other scholarship applied detail	<i>If 01 Yes to PD4b:</i> PD4c: Which of the following scholarships have you applied for since completing your AAPS/ARDS?	RESPONSE FRAME Please select all that apply: 01 Australia Awards Scholarship 02 Australia Awards Fellowship 03 Another Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship 04 Other Australian government scholarship 05 Home country government scholarship 06 University scholarship or bursary 99 Other scholarship [Please specify]
	Current further study location	<i>If 04 Studying to PD2:</i> PD6a: Where are you currently studying?	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 In home country 02 In Australia 03 In a different country [Please specify]



	Current further study qualification	<p><i>If 04 Studying to PD2:</i></p> <p>PD6b: Which of the following best describes the qualification you are currently studying?</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Doctorate 02 Master Degree 03 Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate 04 Bachelor Degree 05 Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree 06 Short Course, Certificate or Fellowship 99 Other</p>
	Current further study year commenced	<p><i>If 04 Studying to PD2:</i></p> <p>PD6c: In which year did you commence this current qualification?</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 2021 02 2020 03 2019 04 2018 05 2017 06 2016 07 2015 08 2014 09 2013 10 2012 or earlier</p>
	Current further study scholarship	<p><i>If 04 Studying to PD2 AND 01 Yes to PD4:</i></p> <p>PD6d: Were you awarded a scholarship to undertake this current qualification?</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Yes 02 No 98 Don't know</p>
	Completed further study	<p>PD7a: Since completing your AAPS/ARDS have you completed any further study?</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Yes 02 No 98 Don't know</p>
	Completed further study location	<p><i>If 01 Yes to PD7a:</i></p> <p>PD7b: Where did you undertake this study? <i>If you have completed more than one course, please focus on the most recent course.</i></p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 In home country 02 In Australia 03 In a different country [Please specify]</p>
	Completed further study qualification	<p><i>If 01 Yes to PD7a:</i></p> <p>PD7c: Which of the following best describes the qualification you completed? <i>If you have completed more than one course, please focus on the most recent course.</i></p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Doctorate 02 Master Degree</p>



		03 Graduate Diploma or Graduate Certificate 04 Bachelor Degree 05 Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree 06 Short Course, Certificate or Fellowship 99 Other
Completed further study year commenced	<i>If 01 Yes to PD7a:</i> PD7d: In which year did you commence this qualification? <i>If you have completed more than one course, please focus on the most recent course.</i>	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 2021 02 2020 03 2019 04 2018 05 2017 06 2016 07 2015 08 2014 09 2013 10 2012 or earlier
Completed further study year completed	<i>If 01 Yes to PD7a:</i> PD7e: In which year did you complete this qualification? <i>If you have completed more than one course, please focus on the most recent course.</i>	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 2021 02 2020 03 2019 04 2018 05 2017 06 2016 07 2015 08 2014 09 2013 10 2012 or earlier
Completed further study scholarship	<i>If 01 Yes to PD7a AND 01 Yes to PD4:</i> PD7f: Were you awarded a scholarship to undertake this qualification? <i>If you have completed more than one course, please focus on the most recent course.</i>	RESPONSE FRAME Please select one option below: 01 Yes 02 No 98 Don't know
Personal characteristics	PD5: Please update or complete the following information about yourself. a. Given name (s): b. Family name: c. Gender: d. Mobile phone number: e. Personal e-mail address: f. Country of current residence: g. Town/city of current residence: h. Country of citizenship:	Prefilled responses based on existing data – for respondent to update if required (or complete if the data was not available).



	Disability	<p>PD8: Do you identify as having a disability?</p> <p>NOTE: Disability includes physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological, learning disabilities, physical disfigurement, and the presence in the body of disease-causing organisms.</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Yes 02 No 97 Prefer not to say</p>
	Further comments	If you have any further comments about your AAPS/ARDS or this survey, please let us know in the space below.	Long free text box
	Permission contact info	<p>PD9. Would you be willing for ACER to provide your updated contact information back to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and contractors suppling alumni-related programs to ensure their alumni database is up-to-date in case they wish to contact you in the future?</p> <p>Please note your answers to this survey will not be identified or linked when provided back to DFAT.</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Yes, I give consent 02 No, I do not give consent</p>
	Permission further research	<p>R1. This survey is part of an ongoing study and we may need to contact you again in the future with regards to your scholarship. Would you be willing to be contacted about future research that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and contractors suppling alumni-related programs may be undertaking?</p> <p>You would not be contacted more than once a year, and if you say yes today, there is still no obligation for you to participate if you are contacted in future.</p>	<p>RESPONSE FRAME</p> <p>Please select one option below:</p> <p>01 Yes, I agree to being contacted for future research 02 No</p>