

# Australia Awards Women Leading and Influencing *LeadershipConnect*



## About WLI

Australia Awards Women Leading and Influencing (WLI) is a four-year, A\$8 million on-Award (in-Australia) and reintegration (in-Pacific) enrichment program of the Australian Government, which seeks to amplify the value of Australia Awards scholarships for women and men scholars.

WLI provides a range of leadership learning, networking and development opportunities to Australia Awards scholars from the Pacific while studying in Australia and once they return home.

WLI is delivered in three tiers:

- **Tier 1 Learning and Networking:** regular events and seminars on topical issues held online, in Australia and the Pacific; open to all current Australia Awards scholars (women/ men).
- **Tier 2 Developmental Leadership:** up to 30 Pacific women scholars undertake the intensive 18-month Women's Developmental Leadership Program, while *LeadershipConnect* offers six months of online leadership learning, networking and support for men and women Australia Awards scholars/ alumni from the Pacific.
- **Tier 3 From Learning to Leading and Influencing:** workplace internship and other professional development opportunities (including the Leadership Fund) are available for Developmental Leadership program participants consolidating skills/ knowledge gained on-Award.

## About *LeadershipConnect*

*LeadershipConnect* is a six-month, tailored program of leadership learning, networking and support for Australia Awards scholars and alumni of all genders from the Pacific. It brings together a selection of the most popular content, speakers, and activities from WLI's prestigious Women's Developmental Leadership Program (WDLP).

## Where does *LeadershipConnect* take place?

Participation happens online via Zoom, with some local opportunities for face-to-face interaction.

## What can participants access?

- Weekly online sessions to connect, reflect, learn key leadership concepts, and connect with guest speakers (including Pacific leaders sharing insights on climate change, regionalism, politics and more).
- A face-to-face leadership learning and discussion session facilitated by participants in your local area (in Australia or the Pacific).
- A chance to apply for a study tour or internship in your chosen leadership area, anywhere in the Pacific – including Australia.
- WLI's dedicated online platform for networking, information sharing, and engagement with fellow participants, WLI staff, articles and other resources.
- A dedicated counselling service to provide additional advice and support.
- All WLI Learning and Networking events to learn about and join discussions on key leadership issues in the Pacific and hear from notable leaders, policy makers and practitioners from the region.

## Past participant experiences



### Pharmaceutical leader identifies changes needed to become a 'good leader'

Former Chief Pharmacist of Fiji's Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Apolosi Vosanibola, says taking part in *LeadershipConnect* opened his eyes to the experiences and contributions of Pacific women leaders, helped to "refresh" his leadership knowledge, and gave him the tools and "confidence to consider some of the changes I need to make to become a good leader".

A well-established leader in his career and community, Apolosi has already started putting lessons learned into practice in his own spheres of influence. This has included leading by example by modelling self-care and supporting women to take on roles typically held by men in his local church leaders' group.

Sharing experiences with other aspiring leaders during *LeadershipConnect* has helped me to reassess my goals, values and ambitions."

- 2022 Participant

## When does the program start/ finish?

The first online session commences 1 March 2023. The final session concludes on 30 August 2023.

What is required of participants?

As an Australia Awards enrichment program, successful completion of *LeadershipConnect* will require a minimum level of time and commitment from participants. To receive a completion certificate, participants should:

- attend at least 70% of all weekly sessions: 2-hours via Zoom on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00pm-3:00pm (Sydney/ Melbourne/ Canberra time),
- actively participate in discussions and activities,
- complete occasional set tasks.

No cost is required to participate. The program is free for participants and funded by the Australian Government.

## Who is eligible to apply?

Men and women Australia Awards (and Australia Awards Pacific) scholars and alumni who are citizens of a Pacific Islands country can apply to participate in *LeadershipConnect*. Because the program is constantly evolving, *LeadershipConnect* alumni can re-apply to participate in the program again.

## How can I apply?

Visit the WLI website ([wliprogram.org](http://wliprogram.org)) to make your online application before 11:59PM (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on Wednesday 22 February 2023.

Before doing so, read the 2023 *LeadershipConnect* program outline, application questions and FAQs available on the *LeadershipConnect* website page.

## Interested? Want to know more?

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