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Australia Awards for four Bruneian scholars

Bandar Seri Begawan, 9 January 2026 – Four Bruneian students have been awarded the Australian Government’s prestigious Australia Awards scholarships to pursue postgraduate studies at leading universities in Australia beginning in 2026.

This year’s cohort reflects Brunei’s commitment to academic excellence and development priorities, with scholars embarking on advanced studies in medicine, environmental management, data science and biosciences:

1. **Siti Nur Diyana Mohd Alipah** – Doctor of Philosophy in Medicine and Health, *University of Sydney*
2. **Dk Fatnin Syahirah Pg Mohd Shah** – Master of Environmental Management and Development, *Australian National University*
3. **Nurnafaizzan Syahmi Nordin** – Master of Data Science, *Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)*
4. **Muhammad Irham bin Awang Roslan** – Master of Science in Biosciences, *University of Melbourne*

Australia Awards Scholarships are a cornerstone of the Australian Government’s commitment to fostering leadership, knowledge exchange, and enduring partnerships across the Indo-Pacific. Fully funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), these scholarships provide recipients with world-class education, professional development opportunities, and access to a global Australia Awards alumni network.

Since 2019, **30 Bruneian scholars** have benefited from this program, contributing to Brunei’s national development in fields such as health, education, technology, and environmental sustainability. Scholars are selected based on academic merit, leadership potential, and their ability to drive positive change in their home country.

Applications for the next round of **Australia Awards Scholarships** will open in **May 2026**. Bruneian citizens interested in postgraduate studies in Australia are encouraged to apply and join a growing community of leaders shaping the future of Brunei and the region.

For more information, visit: www.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards

Image captions:

Image 1: Australian High Commissioner Michael Hoy with 2026 Australian Awards Recipients

Image 2: Australian High Commissioner Michael Hoy with 2026 Australian Awards Recipients and alumni of the Australian Awards scholarship

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