

## AIYEP

### Australia Indonesia Youth Exchange Program

## Frequently Asked Questions – Australian AIYEP Applicants

#### Am I eligible for AIYEP37?

If you are 21-25 years of age, an Australian citizen, hold an interest in Indonesian culture or language, are eager to expand your knowledge, and wish to contribute to the strengthening of Australia's relationship with its nearest neighbour, then AIYEP is the program for you. DFAT encourages applicants from all areas of Australian society to apply, including young professionals, tradespersons, university or TAFE students and graduates. This program is about representing Australia abroad, as well as offering cultural and personal development experiences to our Australian participants.

#### What does the application timeline of AIYEP37 look like?

##### Stage 1 – Application.

The first stage of the application process is entirely online. Applicants are required to fill out the application form found on the AIYEP [website](#). Applications are now open and they close on 18 July 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

##### Stage 2 – Interviews

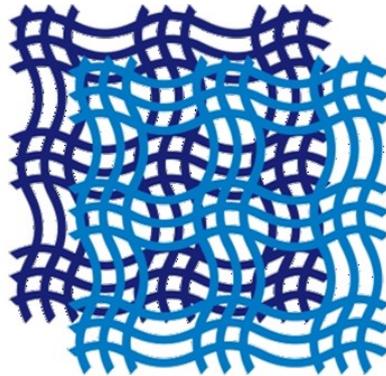
If you are successful in progressing to the next stage of the process you will be notified by our team via email. The second stage of the AIYEP selection process will be through a round of interviews conducted via video link during late July. Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed by a panel of examiners from the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Australia Indonesia Institute and AFS Australia.

##### Stage 3 – Offer of placement

If you are successful at the interview stage we will contact you to offer you a place as a 2018/19 AIYEPer! You will be notified by email if you are not successful. There are only 18 slots on AIYEP, and we are focused on building a diverse and functional team. If you aren't selected this time, you may try again next year.

##### Stage 4 – You're on your way!

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You will be required to attend a two-day orientation in Melbourne from 12-14 October, alongside the newly arrived AIYEPers from Indonesia.

A pre-departure orientation will take place in Melbourne in the last week of November to prepare you for your time in Indonesia. After this you will leave Sydney as a group and start your 2 month AIYEP experience in Indonesia.

For further information on the application process please email [elly.kent@afs.org](mailto:elly.kent@afs.org)

**How much does the AIYEP program cost?**

AIYEP awards outstanding young Australians with full scholarships to participate. Airfares, meals, accommodation, activities, and transport are all covered by the AIYEP program. In return participants are expected to represent their state and Australia to their best ability and engage fully in all aspects of the program.

**Where will the participants be placed?**

**Where do I stay on AIYEP?**

The AIYEP destinations change every year. The AIYEP 2018/2019 Australian destinations will be in Victoria, and the Indonesian phase will shortly be announced. Keep an eye out on our website and social media pages.

All AIYEP participants, Indonesian and Australian, will travel together over the two months and live with host families during both the rural and urban stages of their experience. Conditions with host families vary; your placement is a unique opportunity to experience real life in Indonesia.

**How long is each placement?**

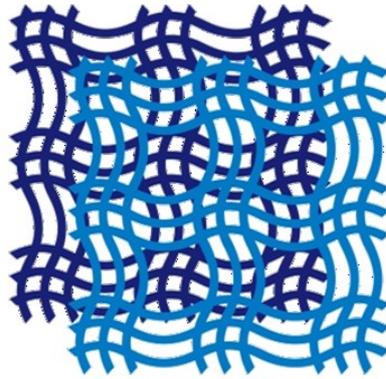
Participants will be in Indonesia for a total of two months departing 2 December 2018 (TBC). There will be approximately a week of orientation in Jakarta and then participants can expect to fly to the AIYEP destination and spend 3 weeks in each placement.

**What can I expect of my community development rural placement?**

Areas of development focus for placements include tourism, life skills, education, health and sport. You will receive further guidance on your community development initiatives during your pre-departure orientation.

Yes. Your work in both rural and city phases will be alongside visits, excursions, courtesy calls with local dignitaries and opportunities to seek your own fun with

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**Will there be opportunities to explore the region in which I am hosted?**

your new AIYEP friends. You will be expected to remain with the AIYEP group unless instructed otherwise.

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