



AUSTRALIAN RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Course 29

APPLICATION FORM

The closing date for applications is 29 August 2021

- To be eligible to apply for the leadership course through TSRA you must be:
 - Indigenous and living in the Torres Strait Region
 - Determined to succeed and committed to the full program
- The completed application form should be emailed to info@tsra.gov.au. **Please include a full-colour passport size photograph of yourself.**
- If you require support or assistance to complete the application form or do not have internet access, please contact the Torres Strait Regional Authority.
- If you have further questions please contact the Torres Strait Regional Authority on:
 - ☎: 07 4069 0700
 - FAX: 07 4069 1879
 - @: info@tsra.gov.au
 - 🌐: www.tsra.gov.au

Checklist:

1. Complete the application (Word or PDF) and enclose your photo (jpeg format)
2. Make certain your referees are notified of your application
3. Send your application and photo to info@tsra.gov.au
4. Upload a video to support your application (optional)

For information about what to include in your video, see [Upload your video](#)

Australian Rural Leadership Program

Information for Applicants for Course 29 - June 2022 to September 2023

The **Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP)** is an education program for people who are leaders and want to support a resilient rural, regional and remote Australia. Individuals who undertake the program work collaboratively within industries, supply chains, communities and other rural and regional service sectors.

The program offers challenging experiences to support leadership development in three key learning areas:

- personal effectiveness;
- ethics, values, social responsibility and an appreciation of diversity; and
- thinking, conceptual and analytical skills.

Pre-requisites

There are **no prior formal education requirements**. Applicants must:

- demonstrate leadership within rural, regional or remote Australia;
- want to help build a resilient remote, rural and regional Australia;
- have the capacity and commitment to lead within their community, industry or sector;
- make the commitment to attend all sessions of the program and complete all requirements; and
- contribute to and draw upon the Foundation's Network of Fellows.

Timing of selection, scholarship offers and course sessions

Selection is competitive. Following the short-listing of applicants, the Foundation conducts interviews in regional locations in November - December 2019. Decision on the allocation of scholarships is usually finalised by December 2019.

Residential sessions comprising more than 50 days of face-to-face learning, are held between:

Session 1: Discovery & Awareness / 13-26 June 2022 / 14 days

Session 2 : Connection & Mobilisation / 19-27 October 2022 / 9 days

Session 3: Networks & Affiliation / 17-30 April 2023 / 14 days

Session 4: Influence & Impact / 1-9 September 2023 / 9 days

*dates & locations subject to change due to Covid-19

Accreditation

The Australian Rural Leadership Program is accredited by James Cook University (JCU) at graduate certificate level and participants can choose to enroll in this option.

Costs

The bulk of the Program costs will be met through a scholarship that will be funded by a sponsor. If you are selected for the Program, you will be required to contribute **\$5,0500 towards the cost of your participation** (which may be paid in installments upon negotiation).

While the costs of travel and accommodation will be met from the scholarship, you will need to cover transport costs between your home and an agreed regional airport when travelling to and from sessions. You will also need to meet minor costs associated with your participation in the Program, such as occasional meals, taxis and personal incidentals.

1. Contact details

1a. Your full name:

1b. Preferred name:

1c. Title (*Ms, Mr*):

1d. Date of birth:

1e. Male

Female

1f. Mobile:

1g. Email:

1h. Home address:

1i. Postal address (*if different from above*):

1j. Home phone number:

1k. Where were you born?

1l. Where were your parents born?

1m. Work phone number:

1n. Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent? Yes

No

2. Your motivation and background

2a. Where did you first hear about the Australian Rural Leadership Program?

A program graduate

Media: TV

Radio

Print

Online

A person in your industry/community

Other (*please specify*)

2b. Why do you want to undertake this leadership development program?

2c. What do you expect to gain from your involvement in the program?

2d. Describe the characteristics you think are required to be an effective leader in your context?

2e. What is your vision for rural, regional or remote Australia in five years time?

2f. What industry or community leadership aspirations do you have or what roles do you aspire to? (Please be specific):

In 3-5 years

In 10 years

3. Your involvement

3a. What is your current main role/work?

3b. Name of your employer(s)

3c. What sort of work do you do currently? Describe your responsibilities, and if you work part-time, identify any other work that you undertake (paid or unpaid).

3d. How long have you worked in this position or with this employer? And if you have been working in the role for a short time, what were you doing before this role?

3e. If you are involved in primary production, list the commodities you produce currently and provide some background to the scale of production.

3f. Provide a brief overview of your work and community involvement

Industry

Organisation:

Position held:

From/To:

Organisation:	Position held:	From/To:

Community (including paid and unpaid)

Organisation:	Position held:	From/To:

3g. Please describe any of your major achievements associated with your industry or community (paid and unpaid). This can include awards or scholarships.

4. Education and other relevant experience

Note: There are no prior education requirements needed to undertake the program.

4a. Formal education

Highest level obtained:	Name of educational institution:	Years:	Qualification:

4b. Other relevant courses or training:

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4c. Have you applied to undertake the Australian Rural Leadership Program before?	Yes No	When?

4d. Have you undertaken any other leadership programs in the past?	Yes No	When? Name of program:

4e. Briefly describe any leadership responsibilities that you have undertaken. What valuable learning did you gain from your experience(s)?

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5. Australian Rural Leadership Foundation requirements

5a. The ARLP requires more than 50 face-to-face contact days over a 15-month period (see www.rural-leaders.com.au for details). Are you able to attend all sessions, including an Overseas Study Tour of two weeks duration? Yes No

5b. Have you advised your family and employer that this will require you to be away for extended periods of time? Yes No

5c. The Foundation requires that all participants complete a mid-term report and final report to their sponsor. Please indicate that you will undertake this requirement as part of successful completion of the program. Yes No

5d. As part of your commitment to your sponsor, are you willing to contact the sponsor and provide feedback when required? Yes No

5e. If you are selected to participate in the ARLP you are required to contribute \$5,000 personally towards the cost of participation. This personal contribution is tax-deductible as a self-education expense. This can be paid in installments as negotiated with the Foundation. Do you agree to undertake this requirement? Yes No

5f. Health (In the event that full disclosure is not made; the participant may be asked to leave the program). Applicants must disclose the nature and extent of any illness or disability to ensure that the Foundation can provide a safe learning environment for all and be able to meet its insurance requirements. General health assessment: Do you have any medical conditions/disabilities that could preclude you from any activities? Please provide details.

5g. Please provide the following details about your two referees:

Referees	Industry/organisation referee	Second referee
Name/Job title:		
Organisation/business:		
Email:		
Telephone:		

6. Declaration

I declare that the information provided in this form is complete and correct.

Applicant's signature:



Date:

Employer's signature (if applicable):



Date:

Please email your application to info@tsra.gov.au. Save the application as a Word document OR a PDF and save your passport sized photo as a jpeg file. It is up to you to make certain that your application and photo arrive at the TSRA office successfully and on time. You can contact the office on 07 4069 0700.

Thank you for your interest in developing leadership in rural, regional and remote Australia.