

## PRIME MINISTER

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AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL AWARDS, SCHEME

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam announced today the intention of the Australian Government to increase the number of Australian International Awards (AIAS) for Commonwealth Carribean countries to approximately ten each year. Nominations for awards would generally be for short-term specialist and post-graduate studies although undergraduate nominations would be considered in special cases. The Australian Government would wish to honor the priorities set by the nominating Government on types of training. It will consider and attempt placement in virtually any field which can be defined as contributing to economic and social development.

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