**Australian Fellowship Awards Criteria**

**Candidates must be an emergency care provider with citizenship of Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati or Vanuatu. In addition, they must be able to:**

* Demonstrate existing or potential leadership capabilities in relation to the development and improvement of emergency care systems within their country;
* Show evidence of prior professional achievements, innovative contributions to emergency care development, and/or active involvement in relevant community or professional organisations;
* Articulate how their current role and responsibilities align with the Fellowship program's goals, and how the knowledge and skills gained will be applied in their context;
* Provide a detailed explanation of how the Fellowship will be personally and professionally valuable;
* Outline the broader benefits for their home country, including potential advancements in healthcare delivery, policy development, and capacity building;
* Highlight specific goals or projects that will be pursued post-Fellowship, demonstrating a clear plan for utilising the Fellowship experience to drive change and development in their organisation and/or country

**In addition, candidates must fulfil all Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) requirements. Candidates must therefore:**

* Be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of commencing the Fellowship;
* Not have Australian permanent resident status or be applying for permanent residency;
* Be a citizen of and residing in an eligible developing country (as defined above). The Fellow’s country of citizenship and residency may differ;
* Not be current serving military personnel;
* Not be married or engaged to, or be a de facto of a person who holds, or is eligible to hold, Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency;
* Have been working in their country of citizenship or residency and in an area relevant to the Fellowship activities preceding the date of the proposed commencement of their Fellowship;
* Be able to satisfy all requirements determined by the Department of Home Affairs for a visa
* Be able to participate in the nominated Fellowship activities at the time and for the duration proposed by AEAC
* Be able to travel without family members as DFAT will only fund and provide visa support letters for individual Fellows, not their family members;
* Have an adequate level of English language ability to be able to fully participate in the program, including an ability to complete the Fellow’s Completion Survey at the conclusion of their Fellowship.