

Australia Indonesia Muslim Leaders Exchange

2008 Invitation for Applications

Applications are invited from young Australian Muslim leaders to travel to Indonesia in 2008 under the **Australia-Indonesia Muslim Leaders Exchange**.

The Exchange was established by the Australia-Indonesia Institute in 2002 to enable young Muslim leaders in Australia and Indonesia to visit each others' countries for approximately two weeks to meet Muslims and non-Muslims, to exchange views and to share experiences.

Since 2002, 64 young Indonesian Muslim leaders have visited Australia and 18 young Australian Muslims leaders have travelled to Indonesia.

All costs are covered for the visit to Indonesia. Applications are due by **4 January 2008**. Applicants should be under forty years of age, and be an active member of the Muslim community in Australia.

The **Australia-Indonesia Institute (AII)** supports a range of people-to-people exchanges aimed at promoting greater mutual awareness. The Muslim Leaders Exchange Program is intended to raise the level of informed opinion about Islam in both countries, increase awareness about the diversity of cultures and faiths in Australia and Indonesia, and encourage the development of links between Australian and Indonesian Muslims.

The 2008 Exchange is managed by the Islamic Council of Victoria with the support of the Asia Institute, University of Melbourne.



See over for how to apply



Australia-Indonesia Muslim Leaders Exchange Program
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Letters of application should include the following:

- 1 Brief Curriculum Vitae (CV) including full contact details and a summary of work/education experience and relevant qualifications.
- 2 A statement of purpose, containing the following information:
 - a What you would hope to gain from participating in the Exchange;
 - b What you can offer the Exchange, during and after the visit (such as creating better awareness of Australian Muslims about Indonesia, strengthening relationships and understanding between Islam and other religions; etc.);
 - c An outline of your current involvement in the life of the Muslim community in Australia;
 - d How you would share and build on your experiences, during and after the program, with others;
 - e An indication of people and organisations in Indonesia you would like to meet and particular topics you are interested in pursuing; and
 - f Any previous visits to Indonesia (with dates).
- 3 Two letters of reference supporting your suitability for the Exchange, one of which should be a recommendation from an Islamic organization in Australia with which you are associated.

Further information can be obtained from ai-exchange@unimelb.edu.au.

All applications must be received by **4 January 2008**. Applications arriving after that date cannot be considered.

Short listed applicants will be invited for interview in early February 2008.

Applications should be sent to:

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