



# Australian Leadership Awards – Scholarships

## 2008 Referee report

The applicant has named you as a referee in support of an application for an Australian Leadership Award Scholarship supported by the Australian Government for study in Australia. To assist in the selection process, we would like to receive your views on the applicant’s suitability for an award, in particular your opinion of his or her leadership qualities, academic potential and, where appropriate, research ability or promise.

When you have completed the referee report, please return it to the applicant for inclusion with his or her application submission.

**The closing date for submitting applications and all supporting documents as hard copy is 16 July 2007.**  
**The closing date for submitting applications online via the ALA Scholarships website is 31 July 2007.**

1. Personal details			
<b>Applicant</b>			
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Employing organisation	Name	University of New South Wales	
	Town/City, Country	Sydney Australia	
Position title	Professor & Head of School of Surveying & Spatial Information Systems	Starting date	/ / 1984
Length of time you have known applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 3 months <input type="checkbox"/> 3–12 months <input type="checkbox"/> 1–2 years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2–5 years <input type="checkbox"/> More than 5 years		
Relationship to applicant (eg direct supervisor, lecturer)	Supervisor of his Masters by Research degree		

2. Evaluation of applicant				
<b>Please evaluate the applicant against the following criteria.</b>				
Leadership qualities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Not observed
Academic and intellectual ability and achievement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Not observed
Personal integrity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Not observed
Communication skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Not observed
Problem-solving skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Not observed
Ability to work successfully in a foreign environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Not observed
Initiative and motivation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Not observed
Capacity to work without close supervision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Average	<input type="checkbox"/> Not observed
<p><b>Please expand briefly on your evaluations above and provide reasons why, in your opinion, the applicant should be considered for an Australian Leadership Awards Scholarship (maximum 500 words).</b></p> <p>Successful applicants for these prestigious awards are expected to be exceptional people who have the potential to become leaders in their field or community. It is envisaged that they will make a significant contribution to their country when they return home.</p> <p>It is my pleasure to provide this letter of reference for my former student I Made Andi Arsana, for the Australian Leadership Awards – Scholarships scheme. It is obvious from Andi’s CV that he is truly an excellent and conscientious researcher. The Masters thesis he completed with me in 2006 was of very high quality. In fact only the condition of his AusAid scholarship prevented him from progressing to a PhD. Andi is not only intellectually exceptional, but his resourcefulness and motivation are very impressive. In addition to having to adapt to a new culture when he arrived in Australia, he had to master a complex new software system, procure digital data (for the sensitive Indonesian and East Timor maritime boundaries), and make friends here at the university. He was a model student and integrated very well into our department.</p> <p>Andi is no doubt a “rising star” in Indonesia, for despite his relatively low academic rank, his work has attracted a lot of attention. His research topic was very relevant for an archipelagic state such as Indonesia, as well as Australia, Indonesia’s maritime neighbour. Atypical for academics, he also wrote several English language articles in Indonesian newspapers, and has therefore come to the attention of senior bureaucrats in his country. These articles were reasoned discussions of the issues confronting Indonesia as it proceeds with negotiations on boundaries with its neighbours. Andi is destined to be a leader, and not just in the academic sense. If given the chance to further his studies I believe he would make significant contributions to the field of maritime boundary definition/delineation both nationally and internationally. I unreservedly support his application for an ALA Scholarship to study for a PhD.</p>				

Please comment on the benefits of the study/research course to the applicant, his/her field of study and home country (maximum 500 words).

Andi's Masters research topic was very relevant for an archipelagic state such as Indonesia, as well as Australia, Indonesia's maritime neighbour. For Indonesia the definition of national maritime boundaries with all of its neighbours (Australia, East Timor, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Brunei, Papua New Guinea) is of crucial importance in ensuring that it fulfills its obligations as an archipelagic state under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). These obligations include sustainable management of the resources of the sea column and seabed. In return, Indonesia will be able to exploit its rich maritime resources to the fullest extent. Furthermore, agreed-to maritime (and land) boundaries contribute to national security and political stability within a nation, especially one as geographically and culturally diverse as Indonesia. If given the chance to further his studies I believe Andi would make significant contributions to the field of maritime boundary definition, and hence assist his home country Indonesia in better managing its fishing and offshore mineral and petroleum resources.

### 3. Referee's declaration and signature

I declare that the information in this report is true and correct.

Signature

Date



30/ 6/ 2007

Thank you for assisting the Australian Government in identifying an outstanding candidate for an Australian Leadership Awards Scholarship.