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Mr. Naseem Nawaz,  
Secretary for Higher Education Punjab,

Subject: Australia Awards Scholarships - 2018 intake

Dear Mr. Naseem Nawaz,

Australia's international development assistance in Pakistan promotes sustainable, inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction, with an emphasis on women's empowerment, good governance and stability.

Australia Awards Scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development. Through study and research, scholarship recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people to-people links with Australia. Australia Awards align with the focus of Australia's development assistance to Pakistan, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors and enhance awardees' skills and knowledge to contribute to inclusive, sustainable economic and social development.

We have now announced Australia Awards Scholarships 2018 Intake on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 in Pakistan and the closing date for applying is 30 April 2017. The priority areas of study for the Australia Awards in Pakistan are: **Health (limited to public health and nutrition)**, **Education (including early childhood, basic and higher education)**, **Economic growth (including agriculture and rural development, international trade and economics, mining, water resources management and business management)**, **Good Governance and Stabilisation, and Gender Equality.**

Please find enclosed Information Kit with details about the scholarship program. The program targets public sector reform and improved standards of governance in both the public and private sectors. We strongly encourage applications from women, and people living with disability or people who are working with people with disability.

I would like to request you to disseminate information about this opportunity within your organisation and wider network. My team and I are available to respond to any questions that you or any interested applicant may have.

Australia Awards Pakistan program will be organising information sharing sessions across Pakistan. Interested applicants can write to us on [info@australiaawardspakistan.org](mailto:info@australiaawardspakistan.org) to register themselves for one of the sessions.

I look forward to your interest in Australia Awards Scholarships.

Sincerely,

Erum Ayub

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Country Program Manager  
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