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## 2008 CAAR Scholarships Application Form

### Introduction

The Council for Australian-Arab Relations (CAAR) is sponsoring a limited number of short-term scholarships for current post graduate students from Arab League countries to study in Australia. The Council for Australian-Arab Relations was established by the Australian Government in January 2003 to strengthen ties between Australia and Arab countries. The Council's role is to promote greater understanding and acceptance of Australian and Arab cultures, values, beliefs and diversity. The focus is on commercial and people-to-people links and it also works to strengthen academic and educational ties.

The Arab community is an increasingly important part of Australian society. The establishment of the Council underscored the high value that the Government attaches to the Arab community. It also demonstrates the Government's commitment to achieving a deeper understanding of Australia in the Arab world, as well as fostering a greater understanding of Arabic culture in Australia.

The objectives of the CAAR Scholarships Program are to:

- increase exchange of knowledge and information between the Arab league countries and Australia
- build effective networks between Australia and the Arab League countries, and
- demonstrate the benefits of Australian education through the provision of high-quality education.

CAAR Scholarships are offered to citizens of the Arab League countries who wish to undertake short term postgraduate study in Australia. The Arab League countries are: Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, the Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

### Scholarship Program

The scholarship program will **meet the costs of university course fees only** for Masters or PhD students to undertake postgraduate coursework programs of 3-6 months, Postgraduate Certificate courses or Professional Development short courses at Australian universities during 2008-2009. The first round of the scholarships will commence in February 2008. The second intake will be in February July 2008. In the event that all scholarships are not allocated in the first and second intakes, a third intake might commence in February 2009.

The number of CAAR Scholarships available in any one year will depend on the type and cost of study courses approved for the successful candidates. Scholarships will be aligned with the following broad fields of study:

- Design, Architecture, and Construction;
- Business Management, Administration and Public Policy;
- Natural Resources and Environmental Science;
- Health Sciences, Allied Health, and Medical Technology;
- Mining, Petroleum, Oil and Gas;
- Strategic Diplomacy and Defence; and
- Political Science.



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## Selection

Selection will be undertaken competitively. A pre-selection panel comprising CAAR's managing contractor, GRM International, and eminent academics from the Arab League countries will recommend a short list of candidates and final selections will be made by CAAR in Australia. The selection process will take into account general eligibility, academic record and the applicant's responses to the selection criteria detailed below. **Offers will not be made to people seeking to migrate to Australia.**

## Eligibility

CAAR Scholarships are available to people who meet eligibility criteria. For details, please refer to the CAAR Scholarships website [www.grminternational.com/hiBand/caar\\_scholarships/CAAR.html](http://www.grminternational.com/hiBand/caar_scholarships/CAAR.html), or alternatively, email: [caarscholarships@grminternational.com](mailto:caarscholarships@grminternational.com).

You must be able to answer 'Yes' to each of these questions to proceed with this application:

- Are you a citizen of one of the listed Arab League countries?
- Have you completed a university-level qualification that is at least equivalent in standard to an Australian Bachelors degree?
- Do you maintain English Language Proficiency equivalent to IELTS 6.5
- Do you have an unconditional Letter of Offer for enrolment at an eligible Australian higher education institution for full-time study commencing in the academic year following selection?
- Are you able to cover all other costs in undertaking the scholarship, including: accommodation, travel to and from Australia, student visa, living costs, etc?

## Application Instructions

The closing date for submitting applications and all supporting documents as hard copy is 31 October 2007.

Students interested in applying for the CAAR Scholarship program should complete this application form and supporting documentation and return by post to:

**Mark Pruden**

GRM International

The Fairmont, Office 624

Sheikh Zayed Road

Dubai, UAE

+971 4 331 2359

[caarscholarships@grminternational.com](mailto:caarscholarships@grminternational.com)



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## Supporting Documentation

The supporting documentation required is:

1. Proof of identity and citizenship: birth certificate, passport personal information pages or other official document in original language.
2. Unconditional Letter of Enrolment from an eligible Australian higher education institution for commencement of studies in 2008.
3. Certified copy of degree certificate(s) in original language, and a translation into English if the original certificate is not in English.
4. Certified copy of official university transcript(s) of results in original language, and a translation into English if the original certificate is not in English.
5. Certified copy of evidence of academic prizes, awards and/or professional honours.
6. Certified copy of English language qualifications (IELTS 6.5 ranking or equivalent).
7. Certified evidence of ability to be financially self-supporting for the duration of the scholarship period in Australia.
8. Three referee reports from academic supervisors or community/ business leaders.

For further instructions on completing this application form and on the required supporting documents, please refer to the CAAR Scholarships website [www.gminternational.com/hiBand/caar\\_scholarships/CAAR.html](http://www.gminternational.com/hiBand/caar_scholarships/CAAR.html).

Please note that any **incomplete applications** (including applications with incomplete supporting documentation) will not be considered. **Please note** If you require additional space to provide information, please provide or attach the information at the end of the application, clearly identifying the number of the relevant section.



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## 1. Personal details

Provide supporting documentary evidence of your full name, date of birth, gender and country of citizenship. The identification page of your passport or other official identification document issued by your country of citizenship is required.

Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other Please specify			
Family name	Enter your family name and other names as shown in your passport or other official identification document issued by your country of citizenship. If you do not have a separate Family Name and Given Name, enter your one name in both fields.			
Given names				
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	__/__/____	dd/mm/yyyy
Country of citizenship	Applicants must be a citizen of one of the eligible participating countries.			
Passport no.	Provide if you have a passport.			

## 2. Contact Details (Current residential address)

Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Address line 3			
Town/City		Postal code (if any)	
State/Province			
Country	Please check the contact details you have entered are correct. If you cannot be contacted your application may not proceed.		
Home phone no.		Work phone no.	
Mobile no.		Fax no. (if any)	
Email 1			
Email 2 (if any)			
<b>Mailing address</b> Provide details only if different from your current residential address.			
Address line 1			
Address line 2			
Address line 3			



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## 2. Contact Details (Current residential address)

Town/City		Postal code (if any)	
State/Province			
Country			

## 3. Spouse details

If you have dependants (spouse and/or children under 18 years of age), provide their details even if they will not accompany you to Australia. Please note that the scholarship does not provide financial support for accompanying dependants. Your **spouse** is the person you are married to, or in a de facto relationship with. A de facto relationship applies if you have been living with a person of the opposite sex for at least 12 months, and you have a genuine and exclusive relationship with them. Information regarding your responsibilities for your spouse and any dependant children should they live with you in Australia during your scholarship can be obtained from the [Department of Immigration and Citizenship <http://www.immi.gov.au/>](http://www.immi.gov.au/) or by contacting the institution to which you have applied.

Family name				Provide family name and other names as shown in your spouse's passport or other official identification document
Given names				
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	__/__/____	dd/mm/yyyy
Country of citizenship	_____			
Passport no.				Provide if spouse has a passport.

## 4. Children Details (attach a separate list if there is not enough space)

<b>Child 1</b>				
Family name	_____			
Given names	_____			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	__/__/____	dd/mm/yyyy
Country of citizenship	_____			
Passport no.	_____			Provide if child has a passport.
<b>Child 2</b>				
Family name	_____			
Given names	_____			



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**4. Children Details (attach a separate list if there is not enough space)**

Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	__/__/____	dd/mm/yyyy
Country of citizenship	_____			
Passport no.	_____	Provide if child has a passport.		
<b>Child 3</b>				
Family name	_____			
Given names	_____			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	__/__/____	dd/mm/yyyy
Country of citizenship	_____			
	_____	Provide if child has a passport.		

**5. Academic Background**

**Major fields of previous study and any academic qualifications.** Please provide a brief description of your area of expertise and field of study. A list of qualifications is not required here (maximum of 100 words)

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## 6. Qualifications

**Tertiary academic qualifications:** To be eligible for a CAAR Scholarship you must have completed a university level qualification which is at least equivalent to an Australian Bachelors Degree. List by level of study, starting with highest qualification. If you are currently undertaking study, please indicate when you expect to graduate.

Qualification name					
Name of institution					
Country					
Language of instruction					
Status (complete/incomplete)		Start Date		Graduation date	
Qualification name					
Name of institution					
Country					
Language of instruction					
Status (complete/incomplete)		Start Date		Graduation date	
Qualification name					
Name of institution					
Country					
Language of instruction					
Status (complete/incomplete)		Start Date		Graduation date	

## 7. Previous Scholarships

Have you previously been awarded a scholarship or a fellowship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Only include details of post-secondary school scholarships or fellowships. 'Award Title' field refers to the name of the scholarship/fellowship received. If the scholarship/fellowship did not lead to a formal qualification being granted, enter 'Not Applicable' in the Qualification field. Please insert other post-secondary school prizes or awards in Section 8 below.		
Name of award		
Qualification obtained		



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### 7. Previous Scholarships

Name of institution			
Country			
Start date		End date	
Name of award			
Qualification obtained			
Name of institution			
Country			
Start date		End date	
Name of award			
Qualification obtained			
Name of institution			
Country			
Start date		End date	

### 8. Awards

**Academic prizes, awards and/or professional honours.** Please list any you have received. Only include post-secondary school prizes or awards that were not included in the record of 'Previous Scholarships'. This might include professional or community awards.

Name of award			
Awarding organisation			
Country		Year	
Name of award			
Awarding organisation			
Country		Year	
Name of award			
Awarding organisation			
Country		Year	



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### 9. Current Scholarship Applications

Have you applied for other scholarships to study in Australia?

Yes

No

If 'Yes', please specify  
(maximum 100 words)

Only include applications for scholarships for the **same study period** as this application. Applying for more than one scholarship does not make you ineligible to apply for a CAAR Scholarship.

### 10. Employment Current Positions

Current employment may include work experience and voluntary work. Please enter 'Not Applicable' in the 'Position Title' if you are not currently employed.

Position title

Starting date

/ /

Employing organisation

Name

Brief description of your  
duties and responsibilities  
(maximum 200 words)



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### 10. Employment Current Positions

Will you be returning to this position after your scholarship studies?

Yes  No

If 'No', what type of employment do you hope to gain after your studies?  
(maximum 100 words)

### 11. Employment Previous Positions

Only provide previous positions of employment that are relevant to your application. Employment history may include work experience and voluntary work.

#### Previous position 1

Position title

Starting date

/ /

Finishing date

/ /

Employing organisation

Name

Brief description of your duties and responsibilities  
(maximum 100 words)



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### 11. Employment Previous Positions

#### Previous position 2

Position title			
Starting date	/ /	Finishing date	/ /
Employing organisation	Name		
Brief description of your duties and responsibilities (maximum 100 words)			

#### Previous position 3

Position title			
Starting date	/ /	Finishing date	/ /
Employing organisation	Name		
Brief description of your duties and responsibilities (maximum 100 words)			

### 12. Proposed full-time study programme

Applicants for CAAR Scholarships must provide evidence of an unconditional offer for enrolment in an appropriate course at an eligible Australian higher education institution for full-time study commencing in Australia in the academic year following selection. Note that recipients of CAAR Scholarships must have a minimum English language proficiency of an IELTS academic test with a score of at least 6.5. **CRICOS code, expected course length and minimum IELTS level** of your course can be found on your unconditional Letter of Offer for enrolment, or by referring to [the CRICOS Website < http://cricos.dest.gov.au >](http://cricos.dest.gov.au). Further information on **study themes** can be found at the beginning of this form.

The selection panel will give preference to priority themes.



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12. Proposed full-time study programme

Name of institution		
Type of study	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development Course <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Certificate	
Course name		
Course CRICOS number		
Field of study		
Normal number of semesters in course	<input type="checkbox"/> One <input type="checkbox"/> Two	
Minimum English language (IELTS) proficiency required for course		
Describe the relevance of your proposed study programme to your previous and/or current post graduate studies (maximum of 100 words).		
Describe your proposed major studies (maximum of 100 words).		



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### 12. Proposed full-time study programme

Describe how your studies in Australia will contribute to closer relations between Arab League countries and Australia (maximum of 100 words).

### 13. Checklist of documentary evidence

Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all required supporting documents are provided with their application. Use the following checklist to verify that you have all of the required supporting documents to send with your application.

1. Proof of identity and citizenship: birth certificate, passport personal information pages or other official document in original language.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the original proof of identity and citizenship documentation is in a language other than English, please provide English translations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Unconditional Letter of Offer from an eligible Australian higher education institution for commencement of studies in 2008.	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Certified copy of degree certificate(s) in original language.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the original degree certificate is in a language other than English, please provide English translations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Certified copy of official university transcript(s) of results in original language.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the original transcript of results is in a language other than English, please provide English translations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Certified copy of evidence of academic prizes, awards and/or professional honours.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the original documents are in a language other than English, please provide English translations.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Certified copy of English language qualifications (IELTS 6.5 ranking or equivalent).	<input type="checkbox"/>



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**13. Checklist of documentary evidence**

7. Certified evidence of ability to be financially self-supporting for the duration of the scholarship period in Australia.		<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Three referee reports	Referee name 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Position and Relationship to Applicant	
	Referee name 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Position and Relationship to Applicant	
	Referee name 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Position and Relationship to Applicant	

**14. Communication**

**Where did you first learn of the CAAR Scholarships?**

Friend, relative or colleague		Arab League Education Centre (please specify location)	
CAAR Scholarships website		Australian Education Centre (please specify location)	
Newspaper (please specify)		Other publication (please specify)	
Australian Embassy or High Commission (please specify location)		Australian university (please specify)	
Other (please specify)			



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15. Applicant's authorisation, agreement, declaration and signature

CAAR is authorised to collect all items of information in this form under the Australian Government's scholarships programme entitled *Australian Scholarships*, which includes Australian Leadership Awards Scholarships/Fellowships and Australian Development Scholarships, and is bound by the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

**Authorisation** I authorise CAAR, or its appointed managing contractor, to obtain copies of any of my relevant academic records/reports from the education institution(s) that I have attended for purposes relating to my application for an Australian scholarship including:

- For use in the selection process for an Australian scholarship;
- To monitor my academic performance at my host education institution if I am awarded an Australian scholarship; and
- To brief relevant Australian officials, Ministers and members of Parliament.

Should I receive a CAAR Scholarship, I consent to the Australian Government using and disclosing extracts of my application (relating to my academic background and achievements, leadership skills and my proposed study programme in Australia) in promotional material in hardcopy and on the Internet. Promotional material may include, but is not limited to, media releases and information circulated to Arab League education institutions and embassies, and Australian education institutions, concerning the CAAR Scholarships programme. I authorise any Australian education institution that makes me an offer to enrol at that institution to provide to CAAR details of that offer if requested to do so by CAAR. I agree to provide promptly to GRM as the managing contractor of the CAAR Scholarships Program all my examination results and course grades, interim and final, during the course of the scholarship.

**Understanding** I understand and confirm that:

- I have read and complied with the instructions to applicants and the contents of my application are true and correct;
- CAAR has the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding a CAAR scholarship made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information;
- I will be informed of my failure or success in being awarded a scholarship; and
- Decisions of the selection panel are final and confidential and no correspondence regarding outcomes of the selection process will be entered into.

**Agreement** If successful in gaining a CAAR Scholarship, I agree that I will:

- Immediately provide CAAR with details of any incident that may reflect badly on the prestige of a CAAR Scholarship;
- Act in a manner befitting a recipient of a CAAR Scholarship; and
- Acknowledge the assistance given by the Australian Government in any written reports, publications or publicity associated with the award.

**Declaration and acknowledgement** I declare in submitting this application form that the information contained in it and provided in connection with this application is true and correct. I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Name (title, given names, family name)	Signature	Date