

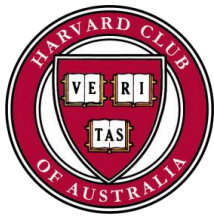
Harvard Club of Australia Principals Scholarship Teachers Mutual Bank Principals Scholarship Public Education Foundation Principals Scholarship

These scholarships give principals from government primary and secondary schools the opportunity to undertake a short professional education program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in the USA.

The scholarships provide the recipients with the opportunity to 'reflect, refocus and recharge' through a professional education program tailor-made for school Principals.

We are grateful to our generous sponsors for supporting these scholarships; the Harvard Club of Australia and Teachers Mutual Bank.

This Information Pack will answer your questions about the support the scholarship provides, eligibility and selection criteria for the scholarship and includes information about how to apply.



COURSE OFFERED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship gives the recipients the opportunity to attend the following short program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education:

- [**Achieving Excellence: Leadership Development for Principals.**](#)

The program is designed to give school leaders a chance to step away from day-to-day challenges, deeply explore their values as educators, and build a concrete plan that centres those values for the benefit of their school communities.

Dates for the 2025 program have now been confirmed for 13 – 18 July 2025. Scholarship recipients **are not** required to take up their scholarship in the first year.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY

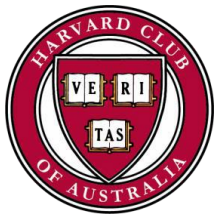
To be eligible for a Principals Scholarship you must:

- Be a current Principal in a government primary or secondary school in Australia;
- Be a mid-career Principal. Eligible applicants will have served as a **substantive** Principal in a government primary or secondary school in Australia for **between THREE and FIFTEEN years**;
- **Eligible applicants must currently be school-based**;
- Be committed to continue as a principal in the government school system for at least another five years;
- Be available to share your learnings to a wide community through formal and informal channels such as relevant conferences, social media and other networks;
- Act as an Ambassador in different forums such as the media, conferences and social media for the Public Education Foundation and the Teachers Mutual Bank upon your return.

Please note that eligibility criteria is strictly applied and Principals who have served for less than three years or more than fifteen will not be considered.

Previous applicants are welcome to re-apply provided they still meet the eligibility criteria.

Please also note: Scholarship recipients are responsible for obtaining the consent of their employer prior to accepting this award and prior to travel.



WHAT IS INCLUDED

Each Scholarship is valued at approximately \$15,000 and includes:

- All tuition fees for a short residential program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education;
- Travel insurance;
- Return airfares ex-your nearest capital city and
- Accommodation for the duration of the course

Each successful participant is responsible for covering their own living expenses and airport transfers.

Recipients will be responsible for booking their own airfare and travel insurance. They will then be reimbursed the equivalent of return airfare to Boston and travel insurance for the course period to an agreed amount.

SELECTION CRITERIA

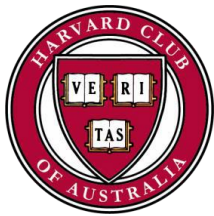
The selection panel will consider the following selection criteria:

- Evidence of significant ability as a school leader, commitment to the values of public education and capacity for leadership into the future;
- Evidence of a candidate's enthusiasm for furthering their own professional development and education;
- Evidence of understanding of ways in which learnings from the course can be shared with colleagues via social media and professional networks;
- Other personal qualities and personal circumstances that would enhance the candidate's suitability for a scholarship.

SELECTION PROCESS

A selection panel will review all Scholarship applications according to the criteria set out in the Application Form. The selection panel will include a representative of the Public Education Foundation, the Harvard Club of Australia, Teachers Mutual Bank and a serving public school Principal. After considering all applications, the selection panel will make recommendations to the Board of the Public Education Foundation for approval.

Please note: The Selection Panel *may* invite a number of applicants for interview before making its final decision.



SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

It is a condition of the Scholarship that funds provided are used for purposes consistent with the intent of the Scholarship. All successful applicants

Before applying for this scholarship, please ensure that you read the terms and conditions document available on our website at [Teacher and Principal T and Cs](#)

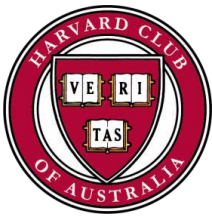
APPLICATION FORM AND ATTACHMENTS

Principals should apply online via [PEF-Apply](#).

The process will require you to:

- Complete a short application form including the following information:
 - Your contact details
 - Years as a Government School Principal (***strictly between 3 and 15 years***)
- Information about your school including:
 - Total enrolment
 - Student attendance rate
 - % Indigenous students
 - % EALD students
 - % students with special needs
- Complete a series of short-answer questions (maximum 250 words per response) about:
 - Your school
 - Challenges you have faced as a school leader
 - Describe an achievement at your school you are proud of
 - A personal statement about yourself, your commitment to public education and how this scholarship will contribute to the plans and goals for yourself and your school;
 - How you would share your learning with your colleagues and community
- Upload a reference from the education sector, for example your supervisor or area director. (Maximum 400 words)
- Upload a reference from a community referee, for example your local Member of Parliament, local PCYC Director or Rotary Club President; (Maximum 400 words)
- Upload a copy of your CV, complete with your educational qualifications, your employment and teaching history and information about any extra-curricular activities you have undertaken as part of your schooling duties or your community roles. **This should be two pages MAXIMUM.**

Understand that the scholarship is very much focused on public education impact in the community (students, parents, teachers, other principals, broader community). Please write your application with this broad audience in mind and avoid acronyms.



SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalised your application and all elements are complete (including references as required) you can submit it for review.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on Friday 27th September 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Call the Public Education Foundation on 02 7814 2806 or email us at info@publiceducationfoundation.org.au.

We also encourage you to visit our website to learn more about the Foundation and the work that we do - www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au