



Australia Awards

# Australia Awards Short Course Strengthening the Higher Education System in Indonesia



*The participants of the Australia Awards Short Course on Strengthening the Higher Education System in Indonesia at Indonesian Ambassador House*

The Australia Awards Short Course on Strengthening the Higher Education System in Indonesia supported Indonesia's higher education development by equipping policymakers and university leaders to:

- Enhance their knowledge and skills to formulate strategies and policies on internationalisation in higher education
- Gain deeper insights into Australian higher education's internationalisation policy and operational settings and explore ways to adapt these at their own institutions
- Strengthen their networks within and across the respective university sectors to foster future collaboration in the areas of transnational education, research, and student or academic exchange with Australian institutions

The course was delivered by the Australian National University (ANU) Crawford School of Public Policy (CSPP). The course was led by Prof Hamish Coates, Prof Leo Goedegebuure and Mr Dennis Murray. Key content experts were Prof Jessica Gallagher and Mr Michael Gallagher.

The course helped participants achieve course objectives through content coverage, curated experiences and a variety of group and individual tasks. The course included three core modules.

## Course Schedule:

- Pre-course workshop in Jakarta on 15-17 July 2025
- In-Australia course in Canberra and Melbourne on 16-31 August 2025
- Post-course workshop in Bandung and Jakarta on 2-4 December 2025



- Module 1 - Contexts, Concepts and Challenges introduced key ideas, policies and practices about international higher education. It looked at histories, contexts, trends and developments in Asian, Australian and international settings. Focus was given to education, research, individual exchange and institutional ventures. The experiential facet of the module focused on policymakers and practitioners working on the leading issues shaping universities and higher education. Groupwork engaged participants in thinking through initiatives within institutions
- Module 2 - Leadership in Action focused on leadership in tertiary institutions and international work in particular. The module delved into student and government issues to deliberately focus attention beyond institutional operational matters. Participants developed a personal leadership plan
- Module 3 - Managing International Education focused on the management of international education within institutional contexts. With input from experienced managers, a simulation was undertaken of an authentic management challenge. Participants engaged in a whole-team project that simulated the complexities and cultures of institutional management

## Participants

The course had 27 participants (7 from the Indonesian government, 9 from public universities, and 11 from private universities). Twenty-two participants had doctoral degrees. Five participants were analysts, four deputy directors/directors, six heads, five vice/full deans, and seven vice rectors. Ms Shabrina Fadhila, Deputy Director, Department of Education, joined as Embassy Liaison Officer from the Australian Embassy in Jakarta.



Participants visiting the Parliament House of Australia



Participants visiting Deakin University

## In-Australia Course

The course was delivered in Melbourne and Canberra. The course engaged more than 200 people from over 100 organisations. The participants connected with representatives from many Australian universities and other RTOs, including ANU, Adelaide University, University of Melbourne, Deakin University, RMIT University, Victoria University, Australian Catholic University, Swinburne University, Monash University, University of Canberra, Holmes Institute, Holmesglen Institute, Gordon TAFE, Bendigo Kangan Institute, Chisholm Institute, and Box Hill Institute. The participants also engaged with many Australian federal and state government agencies, including the Australian Government Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency, the Department of Education and the Victorian Skills Authority.

## Post-Course Workshop

During the post-course workshop, the participants presented their Award Projects and celebrated two other significant milestones: The launch of the book *'Strengthening the Indonesian Higher Education System: Case studies and Innovations'* and the establishment of the *International Higher Education Network Indonesia (IHENI)*, powered and initiated by the course participants. The participants visited Deakin Lancaster University in Bandung and Monash University in Jakarta. The workshop included a networking event with Prof Stella Christine, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology, Ms Gita Kamath, Australian Deputy Ambassador to Indonesia, Prof Greg Barton from Deakin Lancaster University Indonesia and Prof Matthew Nicholson from Monash University Indonesia.



Meeting with the Governor of Victoria



Site visit to the Department of Education