

## Media Release



**Australia Awards**  
Fellowships

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### **Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks & Australia Awards fellowships**

The Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks (RCAP) has been successful in its application for funds to host an Australia Awards fellowship. Australia Awards fellowships are an Australian Government initiative managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). They are provided as part of Australia's overseas aid program.

Australia Awards fellowships offer Australian organisations such as RCAP the opportunity to deepen and broaden links with leaders and professionals in developing countries by hosting fellows from overseas partner organisations, in this case, the GIFT Foundation from Tamil Nadu, India. RCAP has previously funded scholarships for disadvantaged students to attend AGN School, founded by the GIFT Foundation in 1998-99.

RCAP and the GIFT Foundation schools developed this fellowship with an overall aim of strengthening the partnership and links between the RCAP and the GIFT Foundation schools in Tamil Nadu, India. The activity aligns with, and supports, Australia's economic diplomacy and public diplomacy objectives by addressing current and emerging development and foreign affairs issues. The purpose of this project is to enhance the quality of teaching and learning in these schools and, through the schools' graduates, positively contribute to sustained prosperity and social cohesion in the surrounding communities.

As the Australian host organisation, RCAP has welcomed three fellows from the GIFT Foundation schools for a 3-week study tour of school education in Australia. The fellows are visiting schools throughout South Australia, undertaking focused workshops, and attending the Australian Council of Educational Leaders Conference in Sydney. On their return to their schools, the fellows will undertake leadership activities associated with professional development of teaching colleagues in their schools.

#### **Australia Awards fellowships:**

Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships and fellowships funded by the Australian Government.

Australia Awards fellowships build capacity and strengthen partnerships between Australian organisations and partner organisations in eligible developing countries in support of key development and foreign affairs priorities. By providing short-term study, research and professional development opportunities in Australia, mid-career professionals and emerging leaders can tap into Australian expertise, gaining valuable skills and knowledge.

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