

Financial support to attend ALRAC 2020

There is limited funding available for those from Pacific Island countries who are interested in attending the Australasian Law Reform Agencies Conference (ALRAC 2020) to be hosted by the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) in July 2020.

Objectives

The purpose of this funding is to enable those who actively contribute to law reform in Pacific Island countries to attend and participate in ALRAC 2020.

As the ultimate goal of ALRAC is to advance the work of law reform agencies across the region, the organising team is committed to ensuring as many countries in the region as possible are able to participate. The opportunity to learn from the experiences and ideas of colleagues from other countries in the region is also of significant value to all participants.

Available funding

Funding will be available for eligible delegates to cover all or some of the following expenses:

- conference registration;
- economy airfares to and from Brisbane; and
- accommodation as organised by the ALRC for the nights of 12, 13 and 14 July (additional nights of accommodation may be funded as necessary depending on flight availability).

Delegates will be required to organise and fund the necessary visa to attend ALRAC 2020.

Eligibility

To receive funding, interested persons must be able to demonstrate:

- ongoing residency in a Pacific Island country; and
- occupation in a role that actively contributes to law reform in the Pacific region.

Which Pacific Island countries?

Preference will be given to delegates from Pacific Island countries that are part of the Australian Government's 'Pacific Step-up'. Those countries are: American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna.

Who should attend?

ALRAC is primarily targeted at members and staff of dedicated law reform agencies. Priority will therefore be given to law reform agency members and staff for jurisdictions that have them. However, it is recognised that many jurisdictions do not have dedicated

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law reform agencies, and that in all jurisdictions the task of reforming the law often involves politicians, judges, justice department staff, academics, practitioners, regional organisations, and civil society. Interested delegates in any of these roles who can demonstrate active engagement in law reform are therefore eligible for funding.

Any further questions or concerns about eligibility can be emailed to: alrac2020@alrc.gov.au.

Application and assessment process for providing funding

To receive funding to attend ALRAC 2020, eligible persons will need to fill out the application form on the [ALRAC website](#). That (simple) form will require the applicant to provide:

- full contact details;
- confirmation of their residence in a Pacific Island country;
- details of their current role/organisation and its role in law reform;
- a letter of support from their employer ([template available](#)); and
- a short statement that without sponsorship, they would be unable to attend ALRAC 2020.

If preferred, applicants may instead submit the [ALRAC Financial Support Application](#) by email to alrac2020@alrc.gov.au.

Criteria for assessing applications

Applications will be assessed by the ALRAC organising team according to the degree to which they meet the eligibility criteria.

Preference will be given to applicants who have expertise or experience in family-related laws (including family violence), and to applicants from Pacific Island countries that:

- would not otherwise be represented at the conference;
- have not been represented at ALRAC before; and/or
- have recently experienced or inquired into family-related law reform, or are considering a related inquiry or reform.



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