

**Asian Australian Lawyers Association, Inc. (AALA)**  
**William Ah Ket scholarship**

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1. The William Ah Ket scholarship is open to admitted lawyers who are Australian citizens or permanent residents, other than members of the AALA Executive Committee or a State Committee. It is aimed at persons at a junior stage of their career in Australia, whether it be as a practising lawyer, academic or member of the public service or corporate sector. Applicants must have no more than 5 years' post admission professional experience.
2. The AALA Executive Committee has absolute discretion in its decision concerning eligibility.
3. The scholarship will be awarded to the writer of a publishable quality paper that in the view of a judging panel appointed by the AALA Executive Committee best meets the judging criteria. If entries do not meet the judging criteria, the judging panel may in its absolute discretion decide not to award a scholarship.
4. Subject to satisfying Condition 3 above, one scholarship will be offered to the value of \$5,000.
5. Applicants must submit an original unpublished paper on a topic dealing with equality, diversity and the law of no more than 10,000 words (including footnotes, appendices and tables), by the time specified by the AALA Executive Committee.
6. A panel appointed by the AALA Committee will judge papers submitted by the Applicants. The AALA Executive Committee has absolute discretion in determining the procedures for the judging process, which may include shortlisting of papers by the AALA Executive Committee or its nominee(s) for the consideration of the judging panel.
7. As a condition of accepting the scholarship, the writer of the winning paper must be prepared to publish the paper and/or deliver the paper at a conference, workshop or seminar run by the AALA or as approved by the AALA Executive Committee. Any invitation to the writer to publish and/or deliver the winning paper will be at the discretion of the AALA Executive Committee. The AALA Executive Committee will reimburse travel and/or accommodation costs of up to \$500 if the author of the winning paper lives outside Victoria and travels to Melbourne to attend the award ceremony.

8. The application form includes the criteria to be applied in assessing the paper. These criteria are, in summary: Significance of contribution to debate and analysis (50%); Design and execution (20%); Quality of argument (20%); Presentation (10%). The AALA Executive Committee reserves the rights to alter the criteria or the weightings.
9. It is a condition of the William Ah Ket scholarship that the recipient will acknowledge the award of the scholarship, the AALA and the sponsor in any publication or presentation of the paper.
10. By submitting a paper for consideration (and whether or not the applicant is awarded the scholarship), the applicant:
  - a. represents and warrants that the paper is an original work of the applicant and that it does not violate any copyright, trademark, privacy or other legal rights of any third party; and
  - b. grants the AALA a non-exclusive licence, for a period of three years from the date of submission, to reproduce, adapt or publish all or part the paper in hard copy or electronic form, provided always that the applicant is appropriately attributed as the author of the paper.
11. **Applications and papers must be received by 1 November 2017. It is expected that the judging panel will make its award at an award ceremony to be held on 21 November 2017 at Maddocks, Collins Square, Tower Two, Level 25, 727 Collins Street, Melbourne.**

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**(Application Form)**

Name: (Print clearly)	
Contact Details:	
Date of Birth:	
Nationality:	
Ethnic Background (if applicable):	
Qualifications:	
Date of Admission:	
Firm or Employer:	
Position:	
Address:	
Phone (work):	
Mobile:	
Email:	
Brief Bio:	

## I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

1. The enclosed paper on equality, diversity and the law is all my own work and does not violate any copyright, trademark, privacy or other legal rights of any third party.
2. I fit the criterion for the William Ah Ket scholarship of being a person admitted as an Australian Lawyer at a junior stage of my career, whether it be as a practising lawyer, academic or member of the public service or corporate sector, in Australia. I have less than 5 years' post admission experience and am not a member of the AALA Executive Committee or a State Committee.
3. All decisions concerning eligibility for, or any other aspect of the awarding of, the William Ah Ket scholarship will be made by the AALA Executive Committee in its absolute discretion.
4. The scholarship will be awarded to the writer of a publishable quality paper that in the view of a judging panel appointed by the AALA Executive Committee best meets the judging criteria. If entries do not meet the judging criteria, the judging panel may in its absolute discretion decide not to award a scholarship.
5. Subject to satisfying Condition 4 above, one scholarship will be offered to the value of \$5,000.
6. The enclosed paper on equality, diversity and the law topic is no more than 10,000 words (including footnotes, appendices and tables).
7. The enclosed paper has not been submitted for publication or assessment elsewhere or for any other purpose other than for the purpose of this application for the William Ah Ket scholarship.
8. Subject to the right of the AALA Executive to alter the criteria or weightings, the criteria to be used in assessing my paper are:

**(a) Significance of contribution (50%)**

This criteria relates to the extent to which the paper makes a significant contribution to debate and analysis of issues of equality, diversity and the law. Such a contribution can be achieved either on the basis of presenting a highly topical issue or exploring a fresh insight into a fundamental conceptual or theoretical underpinning of the issue, or by formulating a new approach to an important practical approach in tackling the issue or in some other way relevant to the topic.

**(b) Design and execution (20%)**

This criteria relates to the clarity and focus of the topic for discussion including the relevance and appropriateness of the chosen methodology, theory or approach to the topic. It also includes the nature and extent of the research undertaken.

**(c) Quality of argument (20%)**

This criteria relates to the structure and logic of the arguments presented, the persuasiveness, practicality and relevance of the views presented and the degree of substantiation for the conclusions reached.

**(d) Presentation (10%)**

This criteria relates to the format of the paper, the use of headings and sub-headings, the degree of referencing, consistency and clarity of expression, grammar and spelling, and attention to detail in the presentation. The latest edition of the Australian Guide to Legal Citation published by the Melbourne University Law Review Association should be used as a guide.

9. I am prepared to deliver my paper at a conference, workshop or seminar run by the AALA or as approved by the AALA Executive Committee. Any invitation to me to publish and/or deliver the winning paper will be at the discretion of the AALA Executive Committee.
10. It is a condition of the William Ah Ket scholarship that I will acknowledge the award of the scholarship, the AALA and the sponsor in any publication and/or presentation of the paper.
11. By submitting my paper (and whether or not I am awarded the scholarship), I grant the AALA a non-exclusive licence, for a period of three years from the date of submission, to reproduce, adapt or publish all or part the paper in hard copy or electronic form, provided always that I am appropriately attributed as the author of the paper.

Signed:

Date:

Return by email to: [scholarship@aala.org.au](mailto:scholarship@aala.org.au) by **5pm on 1 November 2017**