



# APPLICATION FORM

Email form and submission (Word format) to: [scholarship@aala.org.au](mailto:scholarship@aala.org.au) by 5pm AEST on Monday 21 August 2023

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS	
Name of Applicant:	(first name) , (surname) (the Applicant)
Address:	
State:	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT <input type="checkbox"/> NSW <input type="checkbox"/> Qld <input type="checkbox"/> NT <input type="checkbox"/> SA <input type="checkbox"/> Tas <input type="checkbox"/> Vic <input type="checkbox"/> WA
Email:	
Phone number:	
YOUR ENTRY	
Name of Joint Author: (if any) (joint authors must complete and submit their own Application Form)	(first name) , (surname) (the Joint Author)
Number of words of Paper: (excluding footnotes, appendices & tables)	
YOUR ELIGIBILITY DETAILS	
Eligibility group: (see Conditions of Entry)	<input type="checkbox"/> Final year law students, who have had not less than four (4) weeks' legal work experience or completed a legal clerkship in Australia or overseas <input type="checkbox"/> Law graduates (Bachelor of Law or Juris Doctor) currently undertaking practical legal training or a legal traineeship <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted lawyers in any Australian jurisdiction (no more than five (5) years' post admission legal or academic experience (in Australia or overseas))
Education qualifications: (degrees, diplomas, certificates, etc.)	
Current organisation/firm:	
Course or position in firm:	
Date of admission: (if admitted)	
Paid member of the AALA: (National Executive Committee members are not eligible)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, was previously a member <input type="checkbox"/> No, was never a member
YOUR DIVERSITY DETAILS	
(Whilst answering the following section is optional, please consider completing the following details below so that we can record the diversity of our applicants. Your details will remain anonymous)	
Nationality/Nationalities:	
Ethnic background/s:	
Gender identity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary <input type="checkbox"/> Gender diverse
Age (years):	

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<b>YOUR INTEREST IN THE SCHOLARSHIP</b>	
How did you hear about the scholarship? (tick the one (1) most applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> AALA communication/social media <input type="checkbox"/> Maddocks communication/social media <input type="checkbox"/> University/PLT provider communication <input type="checkbox"/> Other professional association or firm communication <input type="checkbox"/> Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Launch event
Have you previously participated in the scholarship?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted an EOI before <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted an entry before
If you have submitted an EOI or entry previously, which year(s)?	

By signing this Application Form and submitting my entry to the Scholarship (my **Paper**), I, the named Applicant, have read and understood the Conditions of Entry attached to this Application Form and warrant the following (importing definitions in the Conditions of Entry where applicable):

1. my Paper is solely my own work (or the sole joint work of the Joint Author and me, where applicable) and the submission of my entry does not violate any copyright, trademark, privacy or any other legal rights of any third party;
2. my Paper (in whole or part) has not been previously submitted for the Scholarship or to any institution or organisation for publication or assessment;
3. I have not discussed my Paper with or disclosed the contents to any member of the Shortlisting Committee or Judging Panel;
4. I meet an Eligibility Criterion and am not an Excluded Applicant;
5. my Paper is the number of words (excluding footnotes, appendices and tables) as stated in this Application Form; and acknowledge and agree to the following:
  6. my Paper being de-identified before being provided to the Shortlisting Committee and/or the Judging Panel;
  7. if my Paper is not shortlisted by the Shortlisting Committee, my Paper not being considered by the Judges;
  8. due to the number of entries considered by the Shortlisting Committee and the Judging Panel, I will not receive any individual feedback on my Paper;
  9. if shortlisted by the Shortlisting Committee, my Paper may be published on the AALA website or social media or any website or social media of any Sponsors;
  10. if I am listed as a finalist by the Judging Panel, I may be requested to attend the Award Ceremony in person or remotely and prepare a speech/presentation summarising my Paper; and
  11. whenever I present or refer to my Paper, I will acknowledge the AALA, the Scholarship and its Sponsors.

In addition to the above warranties/acknowledgements, I grant the AALA and the Scholarship a non-exclusive licence, for a period of three (3) years from the date of submitting my Paper, to reproduce, adapt or publish all or part my Paper in hard copy or electronic form, provided always that I am (or the Joint Author and I are, where applicable) appropriately attributed as the author(s) of my Paper.

<b>YOUR SIGNATURE</b>	
Date:	/ /



## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### KEY DATES 2023 SCHOLARSHIP

Monday 19 June 2023	Expressions of Interest Forms due (the <b>EOI Due Date</b> )
5 pm AEST Monday 21 August 2023	Papers and the Application Forms due (the <b>Application Due Date</b> )
Late September 2023	Finalists notified of results
Mid October 2023	Award ceremony for finalists (the <b>Award Ceremony</b> )

### TOPIC FOR 2023 SCHOLARSHIP

As the first barrister of Chinese descent to join the Bar in Australia, William Ah Ket (1876 – 1936) was active in the fight against racial discrimination, appearing in cases such as *Potter v Minahan* (1908) 7 CLR 277, as well as other public interest cases.

Outside of his work:

*“William’s personal interests were widely diversified. He was a founding member and Grand Master of the East Caulfield Masonic Lodge No. 123 and held life-membership of the MCG so that he could maintain his enthusiasm for cricket as a ball-to-ball eyewitness of the Test matches between England and Australia.”*

*- Toylaan Ah Ket, “William Ah Ket - Building Bridges between Occident and Orient in Australia, 1900-1936”*

In addition to the above interests, William was co-founder and president of the Australian-Chinese Association, which was considered to be the first association of its kind in Australia.

Over a century after William joined the Victorian Bar, the Asian Australian Lawyers Association (AALA) was established in 2013. Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, AALA is the national peak body for Asian Australian lawyers and lawyers with an interest in Asia regardless of background, which seeks to promote cultural diversity in the law and is committed to a vision of an Australian legal profession that reflects the communities it serves.

**How have the roles played by Australian individuals, organisations and institutions in promoting equality and diversity, as well as opposing discrimination and vilification, in the law, legal profession and justice system, changed over time, including compared to other countries, and how should they continue to change going forward?** (the Topic)

### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	RELATIVE WEIGHTING
<p><b>Significance of contribution to debate and analysis</b></p> <p>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 legal profession or 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.</p>	50%

<p><b>Design and execution</b></p> <p>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.</p>	20%
<p><b>Quality of argument</b></p> <p>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.</p>	20%
<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>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 should be used as a guide.</p>	10%
(together the <b>Assessment Criteria</b> )	
OTHER KEY INFORMATION	
First place prize	AUD 6,000 (the <b>First Place Prize</b> )
Finalists’ prize x 2 (other than first place)	AUD 1,000 each (the <b>Finalists’ Prize</b> )
Word limit of entries	5,000 words <b>excluding</b> reasonable footnotes, appendices, and tables (the <b>Word Limit</b> )
Format of submission	Microsoft Word format
Citation format	The Australian Legal Guide to Citation (4 <sup>th</sup> edition)

- The William Ah Ket scholarship (the **Scholarship**) seeks to encourage persons at a junior stage of their legal career in Australia, whether as a practising lawyer (in private practice, at the bar or in the public service or corporate sector) or legal academic, to contribute to the discourse on diversity and inclusion in the law and legal profession, and is open to Australian residents (including permanent residents and foreign student visa holders) that are:
  - admitted lawyers in any Australian jurisdiction; or
  - law graduates (Bachelor of Law or Juris Doctor) currently undertaking practical legal training or a legal traineeship; or
  - final year law students, who have had not less than four (4) weeks’ legal work experience or completed a legal clerkship in Australia or overseas,

(each an **Eligibility Criterion**), and provided the person is not a member of the AALA National Executive Committee and has no more than five (5) years’ post admission legal or academic experience (in Australia or overseas) (**Excluded Applicant**).
- The Scholarship subcommittee appointed by the AALA National Executive Committee (the **Scholarship Committee**) has absolute

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- discretion whether any particular person meets one or more of the Eligibility Criterion or an Excluded Applicant.
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 Scholarship Committee (the **Judging Panel**) best meets the Assessment Criteria. If entries do not meet the Assessment Criteria, the Judging Panel may in its absolute discretion decide not to award a scholarship.
  4. Subject to satisfying Condition 3 above, the First Place Prize will be offered to the winning author, with the Finalists' Prize offered to each of the authors of two (2) finalist listed papers. If there are multiple authors of a paper (each of whom must be eligible to enter), their respective prize will be divided equally between them.
  5. Applicants must submit an expression of interest form by the EOI Due Date and submit a completed application form (in the form attached to these Conditions of Entry) (the **Application Form**) and original unpublished paper on the Topic of no more words than the Word Limit, by the Application Due Date. All papers submitted after the Application Due Date or unreasonably exceeding the Word Limit will be disqualified from the Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee may vary these timeframes by notice on the AALA website and circular communication to applicants who have submitted a completed Expression of Interest Form.
  6. The Scholarship Committee may use software which assesses the degree of similarity which papers have to other submitted or published papers. If a submitted paper has an unacceptably high similarity index or is identified as having been (substantially) prepared using artificial intelligence (as determined by the Scholarship Committee in its absolute discretion), the Scholarship Committee may disqualify a submitted paper at any time during the Scholarship.
  7. Unless the Scholarship Committee determines otherwise, no author may submit more than one (1) paper, including any paper co-written with other persons.
  8. The Judging Panel will judge papers submitted by applicants (or a shortlisted set of papers submitted by applicants, as the case may be). The Judging Panel in consultation with the Scholarship Committee has absolute discretion in determining the procedures for the judging process, which may include shortlisting of papers by a subcommittee appointed by the Scholarship Committee (the **Shortlisting Committee**) for the consideration of the Judging Panel.
  9. The papers will be assessed by the Judging Panel (and the Shortlisting Committee, where applicable) by reference to the Assessment Criteria. The Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Judging Panel reserves the rights to alter the Assessment Criteria and/or the weightings at any time.
  10. As a condition of entry into the Scholarship, the authors of finalist papers (as determined by the Judging Panel) must be prepared to have their papers published on the AALA website and the winner must agree to deliver a speech summarising their paper at the Award Ceremony. The AALA may also assist the author(s) to have the paper published, where possible.
  11. The AALA will reimburse travel and/or accommodation costs of up to AUD 500 if the author(s) of the winning paper or a finalist paper live outside the State or Territory in which the Award Ceremony is being held.
  12. It is a condition of the Scholarship that the winner will acknowledge the AALA, the Scholarship and Maddocks, the University of Melbourne and the Victorian Bar (the **Sponsors**) in any publication or presentation of the paper.



## EXPERIENCE SURVEY

### YOUR EXPERIENCE

(Whilst answering the following is optional, please consider completing the details below so that we can improve the scholarship for next year. Your answers will remain anonymous and will not affect the judging of your entry)

I found submitting an EOI form:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Very difficult	Difficult	Neither difficult nor easy	Easy	Very easy					
The length of time to prepare a submission was:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Too short		About right		Too long					
The word limit for the submission was:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Too short		About right		Too Long					
The process for submitting an application/entry was:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Very difficult	Difficult	Neither difficult nor easy	Easy	Very easy					
The criteria for judging the submission were:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Unclear	Somewhat unclear	Neither unclear nor clear	Somewhat clear	Clear					
Overall, I was satisfied with the scholarship process:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Unsatisfied				Satisfied					
Overall, I would recommend the scholarship to a friend:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Not recommended				Highly Recommended					
My suggestions to improve the scholarship are:										

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