



# Australia Malaysia Business Council (SA) Inc.

## MERDEKA AWARDS 2019

### Introduction

The Australia Malaysia Business Council SA Inc (**AMBC SA**) Merdeka Awards recognize outstanding international students from Malaysia.

The AMBC SA acknowledges that the very strong, well established social, economic and professional links as well as the bonds of friendship forged over many years between South Australia and Malaysia, have been developed mainly through the efforts of the graduates of our higher education institutions.

The purpose of the awards is to further enhance and expand relationships with Malaysia, strengthen understanding and make positive contributions of mutual benefit and co-operation to business and professional development.

The Merdeka Awards 2019 are strongly supported by key South Australian companies and organisations that have a commitment to the two-way engagement between Malaysia and South Australia.

AMBC SA Business Partner Organizations generously contribute financially and provide in-kind support because they believe that graduates will make a significant, valuable and powerful contribution to the future.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be Malaysian citizens in the final year of their undergraduate or postgraduate course at one of the three South Australian universities (Australian PR visa holders are ineligible);
- Be able to demonstrate suitable personal qualities and attributes that will enable them to act as South Australian ambassadors;
- Be able to demonstrate that they have shared their experiences with the wider community;
- Have outstanding academic achievements;
- Be available to attend the Merdeka Gala Dinner 2019 on 31 August 2019; and
- Clearly demonstrate contributions to furthering relationships between South Australia and Malaysia.



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### Submissions

Application forms for the AMBC SA Merdeka Awards 2019 can be obtained from:

- the following link: <http://bit.ly/MerdekaAwards2019>;
- or by contacting the AMBC SA Honorary Secretary:

AMBC SA Honorary Secretary

E-mail: [info@ambcsa.org.au](mailto:info@ambcsa.org.au)

Please “like” our Facebook page to get updates on the AMBC SA Merdeka Awards 2019

<https://www.facebook.com/AMBCSA/>

### Notes:

1. Each applicant must attach to the application form, a 500 word statement on how he or she would achieve the objectives of the AMBC SA Merdeka Awards 2019; addressing the eligibility and selection criteria.
2. Applications must be supported by letter of recommendations from three referees: two academic and one character. The forms are available from AMBC SA.
3. Each referee must complete a letter of recommendation and submit the report to the AMBC SA Secretary by 5.00pm Wednesday, 10 July 2019. Applicants should liaise with their referees to ensure that the referees’ letters of recommendation are lodged by the closing date. Letters of recommendation sent directly from the applicant are not accepted.

### Selection

The Awards selection process is conducted by a panel comprised of eminent South Australians independent of AMBC SA.

Application form, academic transcripts (only official transcripts are accepted), and referee’s letters of recommendation can be lodged by email to: [info@ambcsa.org.au](mailto:info@ambcsa.org.au).

Applicants are responsible to ensure all documents associated with the application is received by AMBC SA by the deadline.

**Applications and letters of recommendation must be received by:**

**5.00pm Wednesday, 10 July 2019**



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### **The Awards**

In 2019, there will be three AMBC SA Merdeka Awards. Two of the Awards consist of prizes to the value of \$1000 and \$750 each and certificates and trophies for the winners, and a third, the prestigious Sir Eric Neal Award for exemplary and outstanding achievement and significant contribution to bilateral relationships will reward the recipient with a prize valued at \$1500, a trophy and certificate.

All winners will be notified by 5.00 pm Monday, 31 July 2019.

### **Presentation**

The Awards will be presented at the:

AMBC SA Merdeka Gala Dinner 2019  
Saturday 31st August 2019