



FAQs: Australia Awards Scholarships Bangladesh

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Important Notice	<p>Before submitting an application for an Australia Awards Scholarship, applicants must read both the Scholarships Policy Handbook and the Bangladesh Country Profile.</p> <p>All details about the Australia Awards Scholarships are contained in the Handbook. Bangladesh-specific information is contained in the Country Profile.</p>
About Australia Awards	
What are Australia Awards?	<p>Australia Awards are prestigious international Scholarships, Fellowships and Short Courses funded by the Australian Government. They offer the next generation of global leaders an opportunity to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia, and for high-achieving Australians to do the same overseas.</p>
What are Australia Awards Scholarships?	<p>Australia Awards Scholarships are long-term development scholarships administered by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p> <p>They aim to contribute to the long-term development needs of Australia's partner countries in line with bilateral and regional agreements.</p> <p>They provide opportunities for people from developing countries, particularly those countries located in the Indo-Pacific region, to undertake full-time undergraduate or postgraduate study at participating Australian universities and Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institutions.</p>
Which Australian institutions (universities) participate in Australia Awards Scholarships?	<p>Australia Awards Scholarship recipients are accepted by most Australian universities, but not all. A list of participating universities for study commencing in 2021 is available here.</p>
What benefits are provided as part of Australia Awards Scholarships?	<p>The Scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the Australian higher education institution, including any preparatory training. Other benefits include economy return airfares, contribution to cost of living expenses and medical insurance. Please check the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook for a details about Scholarship benefits and entitlements.</p>

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Application, assessment process and required documents	
What documents must be submitted as part of the application?	<p>The following documents must be submitted as part of your application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ passport ▪ tertiary degree certificates (not the provisional certificates) ▪ academic grades (official transcripts, not the mark sheets) ▪ IELTS/TOEFL/PTE scores (academic module) ▪ Certificate of Special Achievement or Merit (if applicable) ▪ academic referee reports ▪ employment referee reports* ▪ Curriculum Vitae* ▪ Development Impact Plan (DIP)* ▪ research proposal (for applicants for a Master's Degree by research)* ▪ service confirmation letter (for Government applicants)
What is the timetable for applications?	<p>Applications open 1 February 2019 and will close 30 April 2019. Late applications will not be considered.</p> <p>Interviewing of shortlisted applicants will take place between June and July 2019.</p> <p>Final results will be released by August 2019.</p>
How do I submit an application?	<p>Applications must be submitted online, through the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at https://oasis.dfat.gov.au.</p>
How are applications assessed?	<p>Complete and eligible applications are assessed and ranked based on the applicant's professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, potential to have a positive impact on development challenges in their home country.</p> <p>All provisional Scholarship recipients will be subjected to recognition of prior learning or advanced standing reviews by the relevant Australian higher education institutions. The results of the review will determine the length of the Master's Degree that will be offered to the Scholarship recipient.</p>
What is a Development Impact Plan?	<p>The Development Impact Plan (DIP) records how you hope to contribute to the development of Bangladesh when you return from your studies in Australia. It is a mandatory document for Australia Awards South and West Asia Scholarship applications and must be submitted through OASIS before the application deadline.</p> <p>The purpose of the DIP is to help you establish a link between your professional requirements (human resource gaps), the course of study in Australia and development priorities of Bangladesh. The DIP seeks to articulate practical and realistic tasks showing how you plan to apply the skills and knowledge gained from your studies in Australia. You will also need to demonstrate the feasibility of the tasks you have identified by highlighting the possible constraints and the resources that you may need in order to implement them.</p> <p>The DIP is updated at various points of the award cycle (Pre-Departure Briefing, prior to leaving Australia and Reintegration Workshop).</p> <p>You can download the template for the DIP here.</p>
How do I get started?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check if you are eligible to apply for an Australia Awards Scholarships here. ▪ Download and read the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook and the Bangladesh Country Profile. ▪ Research suitable courses through cricos.education.gov.au and university websites. ▪ Ensure you meet all eligibility criteria, as explained above.

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Social inclusion	
Can persons with a disability apply?	Yes. Applications from eligible people with disabilities are highly encouraged. Reasonable adjustments will be provided for Scholarship recipients who have identified as a person with disabilities, based on an assessment of their individual needs.
Are women prioritised in the selection process?	At least 50% of the Awards will be given to qualified women applicants.

Useful Links

Australia Awards website:

australiaawards.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx

dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships.aspx

OASIS:

oasis.dfat.gov.au

OASIS (Guide for Applicants):

dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/oasis-applicant-user-guide.aspx

Australia Awards South and West Asia website:

australiaawardsbangladesh.org

Universities and Courses in Australia:

studyinaustralia.gov.au

University websites:

studyinaustralia.gov.au/global/australian-education/universities-and-higher-education/list-of-australian-universities

Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students:

cricos.education.gov.au/Course/CourseSearch.aspx

International English Language Testing System:

ielts.org

Test of English as a Foreign Language:

ets.org/toefl

Pearson Test of English Academic:

pearsonpte.com

Department of Home Affairs (student visas):

homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Stud