



Australia Awards Scholarships – Bangladesh

Guidelines for developing a research proposal

Preparing a research proposal

These guidelines are for applicants for Australia Awards Scholarships in Bangladesh who are applying for Master's degree by research studies. Applicants must include a research proposal of not more than **1,230 words** with the application. **This is to be uploaded on OASIS at oasis.dfat.gov.au.**

Before submitting an application for an Australia Awards Scholarship, applicants should be familiar with Australia's aid policy and country development priorities, together with:

- *Australia Awards Scholarships*
dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships.aspx
- *the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*
dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx
- *Bangladesh Country Profile*
<https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/bangladesh-information-for-intake.aspx>
- *Australia Awards—participating Institutions*
dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-participating-institutions.aspx
- *study programs and courses available for international students*
cricos.education.gov.au

Outline of research proposal

1. Research title

In no more than **30 words**, provide a descriptive title for the proposal.

2. Synopsis of research proposal

In no more than **100 words**, write a short synopsis of the overall research project.

3. Research objectives

In no more than **100 words**, describe the objective(s) of the research and the key question(s) the research will explore. Make sure questions are clear, unambiguous and focused.

4. Rationale and expected outcomes

In no more than **150 words**, explain how the research proposal:

- addresses a knowledge gap in the field of study
- is significant and relevant for your country.

Outline discussions with a potential university supervisor and any other key stakeholders about the proposed research ideas.

5. Relevance to priority areas

In no more than **100 words**, outline the importance of the research to one of the priority development sectors for study commencing in 2021. These priority development sectors are:

- Blue Economy
- Development, Environment/ Sustainability, Governance
- Industry, Innovation, Infrastructure
- Public Policy-related
- Science and Engineering
- Security Studies
- Sports and Arts (limited to fashion, film, screen, and music)
- Trade

6. Literature review

In no more than **200 words**, outline research undertaken in the field of study and assess the knowledge gap and its significance to the development of your country. Attach references as an appendix.

7. Research methodology

In no more than **200 words**, review any relevant research literature and describe the research methods to be used (such as theoretical basis, tools and techniques of analysis, and the stages of the research). Innovative and cost-effective approaches will be favourably considered. Where appropriate, explain how the research will contribute to economic and environmental development, as well as gender equality and social inclusion (particularly of marginalised and disadvantaged groups).

8. Outputs/ deliverables

In no more than **100 words**, explain the timeframe for the research and the expected final outputs or deliverables. These could include:

- academic outputs such as a thesis, thesis articles for journals or conference presentations
- policy materials such as policy briefs
- publication in open access journals or pre-publication versions of the research
- delivery of seminars/ workshops on return.

9. Significance of the research to potential outcomes

In no more than **100 words**, explain how the research can continue on return to your country and opportunities that already exist to continue the research.

10. Fieldwork and timeframe

In no more than **150 words**, explain any fieldwork required and an indicative timeline to complete it. Provide an indication of costs involved in fieldwork.