



Bangladesh

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Bangladesh

Australia's international development assistance in Bangladesh helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders in developing countries. Through study and research, recipients gain the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia. Australia Awards will support Bangladesh to meet strategic, development, and economic challenges in priority sectors.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to make an impact on development challenges in Bangladesh.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Bangladesh are:

Priority areas	Fields of study
Blue economy	Fisheries & aquaculture Marine & maritime studies Maritime domain awareness Seaports & shipping
Health	Health management, leadership, economics Global & public health Nutrition Pharmaceutical science
Development Environment Sustainability	Agriculture development Climate change & disaster risk reduction Environmental management Emergency & humanitarian response management Water resources management
Trade Industry	Financial planning & management International trade & business ICT & entrepreneurship Sustainable tourism
Public Policy Economics Governance	Human rights & international relations Foreign policy Power, energy & mineral resources Public policy & management Public administration Public finance & economics



Priority areas	Fields of study
Infrastructure Science Engineering	Computer science including artificial intelligence & machine learning) Engineering Information technology Transport & infrastructure Robotics
Security studies	Countering trafficking Countering terrorism and violent extremism Cyber awareness & security Gender peace and security Maritime security Police studies & intelligence Strategic studies

The governments of Australia and Bangladesh regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: www.australiaawardsbangladesh.org.

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Bangladesh with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

The scholarships will be offered for Master's degree study (by coursework or research) for study commencing in 2024.

Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the Australian education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- return air travel
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- overseas student health cover for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support,
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework which has a compulsory fieldwork component.

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Bangladesh must also meet the following conditions:

- Must be from one of the following target groups:
 - **Group A:** Cadre Officials from the Government of Bangladesh, officials of the Bangladesh Bank, and Judicial Services officials
 - **Group B:** Workers from development organisations, particularly non-government organisations, civil society organisations, or community-based organisations
 - **Group C:** Entrepreneurs or employees of private sector organisations
 - **Group D:** Individuals from academia, research institutions, media and cultural organisations

- Be a citizen of Bangladesh and be residing in and applying for the scholarship from Bangladesh.
- Not be married, engaged to, or a de facto of a person who holds, or is eligible to hold, Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency, at any time during the application, selection or mobilisation phases.
- Not be currently serving as military personnel.
- Not be applying for another long-term Australia Award unless they have resided outside of Australia for twice the length of the total time that they were in Australia.
- Must be able to satisfy admission requirements of the Australian institution where the Award will be undertaken.
- Must be able to satisfy all requirements of the Department of Home Affairs to hold a Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade supported student visa.
- Must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of at 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid on 1 January 2024.
 - Women, people with disability, and members of local indigenous communities will be considered for eligibility with an IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6 or above (with no individual band less than 5.5) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE test score. However, if offered an Australia Awards Scholarship, these applicants must meet the institution's English language requirements before commencing the approved main course of studies.

Qualifications / work experience

- Preference will be given to candidates who are applying for courses that build on their previous study and full-time relevant work experience of **three years**.
- Have completed a tertiary level qualification that is at least **equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree**.
- For applicants who completed **all** their degrees in Bangladesh: at least one degree must be from a university recognised by the University Grants Commission (Bangladesh).

Generally, scholarships will not be available for courses of study in Australia where the applicant has already achieved that qualification and the qualification is deemed to be equivalent to the Australian qualification.

Special conditions

Applicants must also meet the following country-specific conditions:

- Not be a citizen of Australia, hold permanent residency in Australia or be applying for a visa to live in Australia permanently.
- Scholarship recipients are required to return to Bangladesh for at least two years after completing their studies.
- The Program will request *recognition of prior learning* for all scholarship recipients from Bangladesh. If this request is granted, the recipient may be placed in a degree program that may be shorter in duration than their original preference.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2024:

- Opening date: 1 February 2023
- Closing date: 1 May 2023 (11:59PM AEST)

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through OASIS (<https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>).

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Bangladesh:

Required document	OASIS document type	Attested by notary public
Passport	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Tertiary degree certificates of Bachelor's and Master's (if applicable) degrees	Degree certificate	Yes
Academic transcript of Bachelors or Masters	Academic Transcript	Yes
IELTS, TOEFL or PTE certificate (valid at 1 January 2023)	Proof of English language proficiency	Yes
Development Impact Plan (use prescribed template on australiaawardsbangladesh.org)	Other document	No
Curriculum Vitae (use prescribed template on australiaawardsbangladesh.org)	Other document	No
If employed at the time of application, employment letter	Other document	No
Master's by coursework applicants Two reports - one academic - one professional Template: https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/referee.docx	Referee report	No
Master's by research applicants Three reports - two academics - one professional Template: https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/referee.docx	Referee report	No
For applicants from the Government of Bangladesh, proof of cadre service	Other document	No
Additional requirements for Master's by research applicants : Research proposal (use prescribed template on australiaawardsbangladesh.org) Evidence of written (email or letter) in-principle support from potential supervisor(s)	Other document	No

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- The selection process includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Bangladesh
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 31 August 2023.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Bangladesh can be found at www.australiaawardsbangladesh.org

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

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