



Bhutan

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Bhutan

Australia's international development assistance in Bhutan 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 for development. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

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

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Bhutan are:

Civil Service Sector

- economics
- professional accounting
- statistics
- human resource management
- law/legal studies
- policing, intelligence and counter terrorism
- engineering (electrical, power, mechanical)
- special education
- education

Non-Civil Service Sector

- entrepreneurship and innovation
- hospitality and tourism
- information technology
- actuarial studies
- food science and technology
- educational leadership and management
- human resource management

The governments of Australia and Bhutan 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.australiaawardsbhutan.org

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Bhutan with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution, at the Masters level only.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2019.

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 Bhutan must also meet the following conditions:

- Have completed a tertiary level qualification at least equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree.
- Have achieved a minimum academic IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0; or a TOEFL paper-based test score of at least 580, with a minimum of 4.5 in the test of written English, or an internet-based TOEFL score of at least 92, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests, or a Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) overall score of 58, with no communicative skill score less than 50. Scores must be valid at January 2019.
- Be employed in an organisation on a full-time basis.
- Have at least three years of relevant work experience, including probation period.
- Provide an employer nomination letter from the Human Resource Officer (HRO) of the parent organisation/ agency. In addition, applicants under the purview of the Ministry of Labour and Human Resources (MoLHR) must also submit a nomination letter from the Department of Employment and Human Resources (DEHR).
- Have a relevant academic background for the proposed study program that the applicant is nominated against.
- Meet any other eligibility criteria specified under the BCSR 2012 or the *Guidelines for Human Resource Development support to private and corporate sector* of the MoLHR—whichever applies.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2019:

Opening date: 1 February 2018

Closing date: 30 April 2018

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 <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 Bhutan:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Ordinary passport	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Birth certificate	Proof of citizenship	Yes
National citizenship ID Card	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Degree certificate and Post Graduate Diploma certificate (if applicable)	Degree certificate	Yes
Academic transcripts/mark sheets*	Academic transcripts	Yes
IELTS or TOEFL or PTE certificate (valid at January 2019)	English language proficiency	Yes
Certificates of special achievement or merit (if any)	Other document	Yes
Evidence of previous scholarships (if any)	Other document	No
Nomination letter from employer**	Other document	No
Additional nomination letter from the Dept. of Employment & Human Resources (for applicants under the purview of MoLHR)**	Other document	No
Development Impact Plan**	Other document	No
Curriculum Vitae (CV)**	Other document	No
Police clearance certificate (online approval)***	Other document	No
Recent passport-size photo	Photograph	No
Applicants for Master by Coursework		
Two referee reports – one professional, one academic (use the same template)**	Referee Report	No
Applicants for Master by Research		
Three referee reports – one professional, two academic (use the same template)**	Referee Report	No
Research proposal (inclusive of a proposed methodology, timeline and a brief literature review)**	Other document	No

Evidence (letter or email communication) that the applicant has received in-principle support for their research topic from a potential supervisor.	Other document	No
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* Applicants should submit both consolidated and year-wise or semester-wise transcripts.

** Templates are available at: www.australiaawardsbhutan.org

*** Awardees will be required to produce hard copy police clearance certificates at the time of mobilisation.

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 Bhutan
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than August 2018.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- visa and mobilisation briefing
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Bhutan can be found at www.australiaawardsbhutan.org

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

<http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships.aspx>
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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