



Pakistan

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Pakistan

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 Pakistan.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Pakistan are:

- economic growth
- gender equality
- good governance and stabilisation
- education
- health (limited to public health and nutrition).

Applications are encouraged from professionals working in public and private sectors and civil society.

Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: <http://www.australiaawardspakistan.org>

Level of study

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

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 Pakistan must also meet the following conditions:

- be a Pakistani citizen currently residing in Pakistan
- have completed 16 years of education and five years of relevant work experience
- not be above 45 years of age at the time of submitting the application
- have valid IELTS or TOEFL results that meet the English Language Proficiency requirements outlined in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*
- submit a Development Impact Plan which outlines clear objectives and motivations to contribute to development in Pakistan
- return to Pakistan at the completion of their study for at least two years.

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 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 Pakistan:

Mandatory supporting documents	Type
Completed Development Impact Plan available at: www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/how-to-apply/pakistan/long-term-awards/how-to-apply	Original
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level)—both sides of all degrees should be copied	Attested copy
Academic transcripts—both sides of all transcripts should be copied	Attested copy
IELTS or TOEFL results valid as at 1 January 2019	Attested copy
NOC for public sector applicants	Attested copy

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 Pakistan
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 30 September 2018.

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—Pakistan can be found at <http://www.australiaawardspakistan.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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