



Vietnam

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Vietnam

Australia's commitment to development cooperation with Vietnam is ongoing, and reflects our maturing economic partnership. By helping to stimulate the private sector, upskill the workforce, and support inclusive growth, we will contribute to our shared, overarching goal of promoting prosperity and reducing poverty in Vietnam.

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 will be assessed for their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to address development challenges in Vietnam.

Awards are offered on the basis of merit, transparency and equal access. Applications are strongly encouraged from people with disability, from disadvantaged rural areas and from ethnic minorities. A support scheme is available to assist equal participation for these applicants.

Priority themes of study

Fields of study related to the following themes will be prioritised for the Vietnam intake 2018:

- **Governance and Economic Growth** (economics, international trade, public policy)
- **Transport** (project management and financing, transport engineering, urban transport planning)
- **Water and Sanitation** (water management, water engineering, water quality and supply systems)
- **Education** (education management, quality assurance)
- **Gender Equality** (gender and development, women's studies)
- **Agriculture and Rural Development** (agribusiness management, agricultural economics, rural development, sustainable tourism management)
- **Regional Stability and Human Rights** (public international law, international human rights law)

- **Disability**
- **Climate Change** (cross-cutting theme)

Studies in other fields will be considered on the basis of merit. See the FAQs for further details.

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Vietnam with opportunities to undertake postgraduate studies at Australian universities.

Australia Awards will be available in Vietnam for Master's degrees commencing in 2018. The awards are for central and local agency officials (including mass organisations), staff of NGOs and Vietnamese companies, academics and researchers.

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 generally receive the following:

- full tuition fees
- return air travel
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- a contribution to living expenses
- an introductory academic program
- Overseas Student Health Cover (for the duration of the Scholarship)
- supplementary academic support, and
- a fieldwork allowance (for research students or coursework students as required by the course only).

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

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

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, candidates from Vietnam must also meet the following country specific conditions:

- have completed a formal undergraduate degree
- have at least two years' relevant work experience in Vietnam (except disadvantaged applicants – see description below)
- not be applying for a second Masters degree.

Special conditions

Applicants must also meet the following country specific conditions (please refer to FAQ 4 for full details at the following link www.australiaawardsvietnam.org).

Group	GPA	IELTS	Work experience
Provincial agencies	6.5	No IELTS requirement at application IELTS 4.5 (no sub-band below 4.0)	Two years' relevant work experience
Central agencies Provincially based universities Research institutions Vietnamese NGOs Vietnamese companies	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 5.5 (no sub-band below 5.0)	Two years' relevant work experience (continuous with the same employer for Central agencies)
Universities (Hanoi, HCM City, Haiphong, Danang, Hue, Can Tho) International NGOs	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 6.5 (no sub-band below 6.0)	Two years' relevant work experience

Disadvantaged applicants

Special provisions apply for the following disadvantaged applicants:

- persons with disability
- disadvantaged rural applicants, including ethnic minorities

Please refer to www.australiaawardsvietnam.org

Grade Point Average (GPA)	IELTS	Work Experience
Minimum GPA 6.0	IELTS certificate not required at application IELTS 4.5 (no sub-band below 3.5)	One year's work experience only

Application dates for Vietnam

(for study commencing in Australia in 2018)

Opening date: 1 February 2017

Closing date: 30 April 2017

Applications or supporting documents received after this date will not be considered.

The application process

Apply online at: www.australiaawardsvietnam.org

We strongly advise applicants to apply online well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

Supporting documents

All of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Scholarships Policy Handbook must be submitted along with the application.

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

Document type	Certified
A copy of work contract(s)	Yes
A letter of reference with stamp from current or previous employer	Yes
A summary research proposal (Masters by Research applicants only)	No

Please refer to www.australiaawardsvietnam.org for a full list of required supporting documents.

The selection process

Following eligibility checking, applications will be shortlisted. The selection process will also include an interview in English for all those shortlisted. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in Vietnam
- professional and personal leadership attributes.

Preparatory training

All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing.

They may be required to undertake pre-departure English language training in Vietnam of up to 12 months duration (depending on existing English language level), if they do not meet the English language requirements of their chosen Australian university.

Outcomes

All applicants will receive notification as to whether they have been successful by the end of July 2017.

Further information

Further information about the Australia Awards can be found at:

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

Information about visas and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>

More general information about the Australia Awards and studying in Australia can be found at:

www.australiaawards.gov.au

www.dfat.gov.au

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

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