



# Africa

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship and Short Course Awards

### Australia Awards scholarships in Africa

Australia's international development assistance to Africa helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance stability.

Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

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

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

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Africa are agriculture, extractives, and public policy. Secondary sectors, are also considered. Applications from government employees, civil society and private sector candidates are welcomed.

Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: [www.australiaawardsafrica.org](http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org)

### Level of study

#### Australia Awards Scholarships

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of eligible African countries with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution. Awards are available for studies at Masters-level for 11 African countries. Details of eligibility by country can be found at:

[www.australiaawardsafrica.org](http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org)

#### Short Course Awards

The Australian Government also offers a range of short courses for applicants seeking targeted professional studies in the priority areas. Short Course Awards are available for 21 African countries. For information on how to apply visit:

[www.australiaawardsafrica.org](http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org)

### 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](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

### Country-specific conditions

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

- minimum academic requirement of a four year Bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- mid-level to senior-level professionals, currently employed in a relevant field;
- demonstrate a clear vision of how the knowledge gained through the award will be used to improve policy, practice or reform in their home country.

## Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2020 Short Courses and 2021 Masters

Opening date: 1 October 2019

Closing date (Master Scholarships): 6 December 2019

Closing date (Short Course Awards): 17 January 2020

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 [www.australiaawardsafrica.org](http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org)

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:

Document type	Certified
Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate /passport if available and photographic identification i.e. student card/drivers licence if passport is not available.	yes
Tertiary degree certificates (4 Year Bachelors level for Masters Awards)	yes
Academic transcripts (where they are not in English please provide an English translation)	yes
IELTS, TOEFL or PTE Academic results	No
Academic Referee Reports (with seal)	No
Employment Referee report with seal	No
Curriculum Vitae	No
Reintegration Action Plan	No
Letter from Supervisor	No
Signed Signatures and Commitments Page	No
Statutory Declaration	Yes

## 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 their African home country
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified by August 2020.

## Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

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

## Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Africa can be found at [www.australiaawardsafrica.org](http://www.australiaawardsafrica.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](http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships)
- [studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://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](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

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