Australia Awards Scholarships in the Palestinian Territories

Australia’s international development assistance in the Palestinian Territories 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 the Palestinian Territories.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women and people with disability.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for the Palestinian Territories are:

- Public policy
- Public financial management
- Agriculture
- Water resources management

The governments of Australia and the Palestinian Territories 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: https://dfat.gov.au/geo/palestinian-territories/development-assistance/Pages/development-assistance-in-palestinian-territories.aspx

Level of study

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

Scholarships for commencement in 2020 will for Master’s level studies only.

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


Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from the Palestinian Territories must also meet the following conditions:
For Palestinian Authority employees:

- applicants must have a documented IELTS score of 5.5 when applying to be considered for conditional awards
- priority will be given to candidates who do not already hold a Masters degree
- priority will be given to candidates who have not received a scholarship from other scholarship programs
- be an employee of the Palestinian Authority with at least two years’ experience
- have the support of their Ministry to return to work on completion of the scholarship
- have a Bachelor degree
- receive a final endorsement from their line ministry

Non-Palestinian Authority candidates must:

- have a Bachelor degree
- have a documented IELTS score of 5.5 when applying to be considered for conditional awards
- must return to work in the Palestinian Territories on completion of the scholarship

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2020
Opening date: 1 February 2019
Closing date: 30 April 2019 (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 at http://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 the Palestinian Territories:

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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 the Palestinian Territories
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 30 June 2019.

Please note that Australia Awards Scholarships are provisional until the following requirements are met:

- applicant attains the minimum English language requirement of an IELTS score of 6.5. A failure to achieve the required IELTS score will result in withdrawal of the provisional offer of an Australia Awards Scholarship.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- IELTS –International English Language Testing System to assess English language competence
- 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—Palestinian Territories can be found at https://dfat.gov.au/geo/palestinian-territories/development-assistance/Pages/australia-awards-palestinian-territories.aspx

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 Scholarship Policy Handbook: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

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