



Vietnam

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Vietnam

Australia's international development assistance in Vietnam 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 Vietnam.

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 fields of study

The priority areas of study for Vietnam are:

- **Governance and economic growth** (economics, competition, international trade, public policy, public finance management, corporate finance, law to support economic integration, entrepreneurship and innovation).
- **Transport** (project management and financing, traffic forecasting, transport engineering, social and environmental safeguards, urban transport planning and management, transport master planning, public-private partnership, transport economics, road safety and audit).
- **Water and sanitation** (water management, water engineering, water quality and supply systems, water and waste water).
- **Education** (education management, vocational education management).
- **Gender equality** (gender and development, women's studies).
- **Agriculture and rural development** (agribusiness, agricultural economics, rural development, sustainable tourism management).

- **Regional stability and human rights** (international law, international human rights law).
- **Disability.**
- **Climate change.**

Studies in other fields will be considered on the basis of merit.

The governments of Australia and Vietnam 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 australiaawardsvietnam.org.

Level of study

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

Australia Awards will be available in Vietnam for Master degrees commencing in 2019. The awards are for central and provincial agency officials (including mass organisations), staff of NGOs and Vietnamese companies, academics and researchers. Split courses in International and Development Economics and Environmental and Resource Economics are available. See the FAQs for further details: australiaawardsvietnam.org/index.php/en/applicants/applicants-faqs

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

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, candidates 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 apply for a second Master degree.

Country-specific conditions

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

Group	GPA	IELTS	Work experience
Provincial agencies (except Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue, Can Tho)	6.5	No IELTS requirement at application IELTS 4.5 (no sub-band below 4.0)	Two years' relevant work experience
Central agencies Vocational education and training colleges	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 5.0 (no sub-band below 4.5)	Two years' relevant work experience (continuous with the same employer for 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
Universities (Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, 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 from all indicated—above groups:

- persons with disability
- disadvantaged rural applicants, including ethnic minorities (for details, refer to australiaawardsvietnam.org).

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 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

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

Applicants must submit with their application all relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

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 (Master by research applicants only)	No

Please refer to 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.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late July 2018.

Preparatory training

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

- You may be required to undertake pre-departure English language training in Vietnam of up to 12 months (depending on your English level), if you do not meet the English language requirements of your chosen course at an Australian university.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards in Vietnam can be found at

<http://www.australiaawardsvietnam.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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