



Pakistan/South Asia Branch

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Pakistan

Australia's international development assistance to Pakistan supports the Government of Pakistan's efforts to ensure that Pakistan remains a stable, secure, democratic country through broad-based social and economic development and poverty reduction.

The Australia Awards align with the focus of Australia's development assistance to Pakistan, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors/fields. They aim to provide awardees with the skills and knowledge to drive change and influence economic and social development.

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 impact on development challenges in Pakistan.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women and people living with disability.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Pakistan are:

- Public health (including maternal, neonatal and child health services and nutrition)
- Education (including basic education services and early childhood education)
- Economic growth (including agriculture, rural development, agri-business and entrepreneurship)
- Governance
- Mining
- Water resource management

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships

These Scholarships provide citizens of Pakistan with the opportunity to obtain a postgraduate qualification at an Australian tertiary institution. Applicants must be able to identify themselves under at least one of the profiles given below:

- **Profile 1 - Public Policy Practitioners**
30% of the scholarships are allocated to Profile 1.
For more details visit
<http://www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/how-to-apply/pakistan/long-term-awards/aas-profile-1>
- **Profile 2 - Public Policy Reformers and Leaders**
20% of the scholarships are allocated to Profile 2.
For more details visit
<http://www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/how-to-apply/pakistan/long-term-awards/aas-profile-2>
- **Profile 3 - Non-profit civil society / development Workers or associates**
40% of the scholarships are allocated to Profile 3.
For more details visit
<http://www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/how-to-apply/pakistan/long-term-awards/aas-profile-3>
- **Profile 4 - Private sector reformers and promoters of pro-poor growth**
10% of the scholarships are allocated to Profile 4.
For more details visit
<http://www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/how-to-apply/pakistan/long-term-awards/aas-profile-4>

All applicants (Public, NGO, and Private) will go through a competitive selection process. The selection committee will strive to allocate 50% of the awards to females and 5% of the awards to people who have a disability or work for people with a disability. High priority will be given to those who have not had the opportunity to study/live overseas or directly/indirectly benefit from the Australia Awards program.

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:

- 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, and
- fieldwork allowance—for research and masters by course work which has a research component where fieldwork is a compulsory component.

Eligibility criteria

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

www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

It is a pre-condition of accepting an Australia Awards Scholarships that awardees return to their home country to take up a position that utilises their study for a minimum period of two years.

Eligibility criteria include but are not limited to:

- be able to identify themselves under one of the four profiles
- meet profile specific requirements available at: www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/how-to-apply/pakistan/long-term-awards/eligibility-criteria
- be a Pakistani citizen currently residing in Pakistan for at least 24 months
- not have applied for or be entitled to permanent residency or citizenship in Australia or New Zealand
- satisfy Australian Government requirements for international student visas for entry to Australia (health, character etc.)
- be able to provide a Police Security Clearance Certificate at the time of visa application
- not hold another scholarship
- not have held a foreign scholarship in the 24 months preceding the application (24 months are calculated from the date of arrival back in Pakistan to the closing date for receipt of applications)
- be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course already commenced in Australia (on-going study programs will not be supported)

- be able to take up the scholarship in the year for which it is offered
- have outlined a case that is clear about their objectives and motivation to make a contribution to development in Pakistan
- apply for courses that fall within the priority areas identified above
- satisfy the admission requirements of the Australian tertiary institution and the course to be undertaken
- have relevant academic background to proposed study in Australia
- be applying for a Masters level course
- have completed 16 years of education
- not be above 45 years of age at the time of submitting the application form
- have at least five years of work experience (Profile 1 and 2) and two years of work experience (Profile 3 and 4) in the field in which they are applying. Volunteer work experience will be considered but internships will not be considered as work experience
- be able to demonstrate the ability to meet the English Language Proficiency requirements for the Scholarship at the time of application. The accepted English language tests are IELTS and TOEFL undertaken at the candidate's own expense. The required IELTS score is an overall band of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0
 - i) A paper-based TOEFL overall score of at least 580, with a minimum of 4.5 in the test of written English or an internet-based TOEFL score of at least 92, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests.

Special conditions

Applicants must also meet the following country specific conditions:

- applicants must submit online applications on OASIS at <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>
- for Masters by research degree, applicants must provide the outline of the research proposal (up to 1000 words), and have in-principle agreement (letter or email) from a research supervisor at their chosen university in Australia.

Note: Provision of false or falsified documents at any stage of the scholarship cycle will render the applicant ineligible or be grounds for scholarship offer withdrawal.

Application dates (for study commencing in Australia in 2017)

Opening date: 1 February 2016

Closing date: 30 April 2016

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

The application process

Online applications Process

Apply online at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

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

Supporting documents

Along with their application, applicants must submit one copy of each relevant supporting document listed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook.

In addition, applicants must provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Pakistan:

Mandatory Supporting Documents	Type
Completed Country Requirements Sheet (schedule 1 attached) and available at www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/how-to-apply/pakistan/long-term-awards/how-to-apply	Original
Proof of citizenship i.e. national identify card/birth certificate/passport if available	Attested copy
Photographic identification: - passport sized photograph or - copy of student card or - copy of driver's licence or, - copy of passport.	Original photograph with full name written at the back for hard copy applications, Student card/driver's licence/passport for online applications
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level) – both sides of all degrees should be copied	Attested copy
Academic transcripts (where they are not in English please provide an English translation) – both sides of all transcripts should be copied	Attested copy

IELTS or TOEFL results obtained anytime after 31 December 2014 will be considered.	Attested copy
Academic Referee Reports (two reports for Masters by Research applicants; one for Masters by Coursework applicants) – Referee report template is available in the Scholarships Policy Handbook	Original
Employment Referee report (same template as above)	Original
Employment letters specifying years of service and job description (not employment contract)	Attested Copy
For Masters by research degree applicants only: Evidence (a letter or email) of an in-principle agreement from a research supervisor at their chosen university in Australia (only applies to Masters by research degree applicants whose study program includes at least 50 percent research)	Attested Copy
For Masters by research degree applicants only: Proposed research project (up to 1,000 words, only applies to Masters by research degree applicants whose study program includes at least 50 percent research)	Original
Curriculum Vitae	Current
NOC for public sector applicants	Attested Copy

The selection process

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

- Academic competence
- Potential outcome of proposed course of study, including assessment of contribution to development outcomes in your home country upon return
- Professional and personal leadership attributes

- Relevance of work experience to the proposed field of study and or priority sector
- Relevance of proposed study to future development within the priority sector
- Employer's support for the application as documented in the 'Country Requirements Sheet'
- IELTS Score, and
- Number of years of experience.

Preparatory training

All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing in Pakistan and Introductory Academic Program in Australia at the beginning of the course.

You will be required to complete a study skills training course in Pakistan prior to departure.

Outcomes

All applicants will receive notification as to whether they have been successful by August 2016.

Further information

Further information about the Australia Awards can be found at:

Contact Details

www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org

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:

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

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The Australia Awards Office and the Australian High Commission are the only appropriate authorised channels through which applicants can apply for Australia Awards in Pakistan.