



An Australian Government Initiative



Australian Scholarships

THE PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE

Australian Development Scholarships

Australian Scholarships is an initiative of the Australian Government to promote sustainable development and excellence in education in the Asia-Pacific region. Over five years the number of education awards offered for the Asia-Pacific region will double to 19,000.

The Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) is a bilateral programme within the *Australian Scholarships* initiative. ADS aims to contribute to the long-term development needs of Australia's partner countries to promote growth and stability. ADS is a well-established scholarships programme for people from developing countries to undertake full-time undergraduate or postgraduate study in Australia.

Up to 1,000 ADS are awarded each year across 31 countries, with scholarships awarded equally to men and women applicants. Fields of study are targeted to address agreed priority human resource and development needs of recipient countries, in line with Australia's bilateral aid programme. Undergraduate and postgraduate study can be undertaken at the participating Australian higher education institutions and technical colleges.

ADS equips scholars with the skills and knowledge to drive change and influence the development outcomes of their own countries. Scholars are

required to return to their home country for two years after they have completed their studies.

ELIGIBILITY

ADS are for those who meet all of the following general eligibility requirements, plus the specific requirements for each country. Country specific information is available through the relevant Australian Embassy / High Commission or their website.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Be a citizen of an **ADS eligible country** (see table).
- Not hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent resident status (unless applying as a citizen of the Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau).
- Not married to/or defacto of, or engaged to, a person who holds or is eligible to hold an

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Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent resident status.

- Not hold or have held an Australian Government funded scholarship in the preceding 12 months at the time of application.
- Satisfy any specific criteria established by the applicant's country and/or government of citizenship.
- Satisfy the admission requirements of the Institution at which the ADS is to be undertaken.
- Satisfy all requirements of the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

The following are ADS eligible countries:

• Bangladesh	• Kiribati	• Samoa
• Bhutan	• Laos	• Solomon Islands
• Cambodia	• Maldives	• Sri Lanka
• China (excluding Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR)	• Mongolia	• Timor-Leste
• Fiji	• Pakistan	• Tonga
• Indonesia	• Papua New Guinea	• Tuvalu
	• Philippines	• Vanuatu
	• Regional Africa	• Vietnam

VALUE

An Australian Development Scholarship is offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic programme specified by the Australian education institution, including any preparatory training. The following benefits generally apply:

- Return air travel
- Contribution towards initial visa expenses
- Establishment allowance
- Full tuition fees
- Contribution to living expenses
- Introductory Academic Programme (IAP)
- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of the award (for award holder only)
- Pre-course English Fees
- Supplementary Academic Support (Tutorial Assistance)
- Fieldwork (for research student only)

APPLICATION PROCESS

There is usually one annual selection round in each country. Recipients are typically selected by a joint committee consisting of Partner Government and AusAID representatives. Application forms can be sought from the Australian High Commission/Embassy in each eligible country.

MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the *Australian Scholarships* website: www.australianscholarships.gov.au