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Southern and Eastern Africa

AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS
Information for Intakes Commencing 2009

Regional Strategy

Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) are part of the Australian Government's development cooperation program in Africa. The ADS scheme offers the opportunity to people from developing countries to study in priority sector courses at Australian universities.

By providing people with the knowledge and skills to promote development in their home country, the ADS scheme aims to support partner country efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

The 2009 intake for ADS in Africa is yet to open. Information will be posted once available.

Type and Level of Scholarship

Awards are for postgraduate study usually for a maximum of two years at Post Graduate Diploma or Masters degree level. No ADS are available for undergraduate studies or PhDs. Country specific allocations are made in consultation with partner countries each year.

Public/Open categories

Scholarships are available either on a Public or Open basis. Public awards are available only to current employees of the public service in their country. The open category is available to the general public who meet the specified selection criteria.

In Mozambique and Uganda, scholarships are available under the Public and Open categories. Scholarships in the remaining countries are available under the Public category only.

Gender Policy

In keeping with AusAID policy on gender equality, every effort will be made to ensure the awards are distributed equally between male and female candidates.

The Selection process

AusAID or the relevant Nominating Authorities of each country will advertise the availability of scholarships as appropriate. The selection process will include short-listing against the priority sectors, academic merit and country specific selection criteria outlined below. In most countries candidates are required to attend interviews as part of the selection process.

The Application Process

Applicants who have been selected as priority candidates through relevant selection processes must:

- complete three identical ADS application forms. The applications and all supporting documents are required in triplicate so that AusAID can retain one and the other two can be sent to the selected universities;
- include with each application a passport-size photo of the applicant (photos should not be permanently affixed to the applications);
- indicate the level and field of study required;
- attach to each application form an original or certified copy of each document necessary to substantiate their educational qualifications;
- attach to each application form reports from three referees, of which two must be by academic supervisors and one from their employer;
- ensure Section 11 of the application form has been signed and stamped by their employer and the Nominating Authority; and
- ensure all the relevant documents listed on the final page of the application form have been included.

GRM International (in-country managing contractor for ADS in Africa) must forward completed applications to applicants' university of first choice by mid September. It is therefore important that the choice of university is indicated clearly on the application and all requested attachments are included. GRM International is unable to forward incomplete applications to Australian universities.

Priority candidates will also be asked to complete the necessary visa application form to enable the visa process to enter Australia to begin immediately. On completing the visa application form, applicants should forward it to GRM International at the address below.

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Restrictions

Study in Australia is subject to the successful applicant being issued with a visa by the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). As part of the visa application process, immigration authorities require candidates to undergo a full medical examination including a chest X-ray and an HIV/AIDS test. This is also to ensure that candidates are physically capable of travelling and pursuing long-term study in Australia.

Only students up to 45 years of age, at the time of making the application, may apply.

Applicants are required to return to their country of citizenship after the completion of their award to contribute to the development of the identified priority sector in their country.

Country Specific Information

Country specific information on priority sectors, closing dates for submissions, IELTS requirements and other details for the 2009 intake will be posted once available.

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