



China

AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for Intakes Commencing 2009

Country Strategy

The overarching objective of Australia's aid program to China, as identified in the China Country Strategy paper for 2006-2010, is to further mutual national interest by supporting China's balanced development policies and working together in the region. To achieve this objective the Australian Government will focus on three themes:

- Build capacity in selected sectors in China, in particular governance, environment and health
- Enhance the Australia - China relationship by building institutional linkages.
- Working collaboratively to strengthen the region.

The China Australian Development Scholarship (ADS) is an integral part of the Australia-China Development Program and is consistent with, and supportive of, the objectives and themes of the China Country Strategy paper. The objective of the ADS program is to promote human resource development in China through a program of in-Australia scholarships for public category Chinese students to undertake postgraduate studies at Australian universities at the Masters level. The areas of study for the awards must be consistent with the themes of the China Country Strategy, i.e. with more of a focus on supporting policy reform.

Type, Level and Number of Scholarships

The China ADS scheme supports studies for a Masters degree over a period of 18 months, not including up to three (3) months in-Australia Introductory Academic Programs and pre-course English studies, in the agreed priority areas consistent with those of the China Country Strategy.

The number of scholarships is agreed with the Chinese Government each year. Application and nominations for awards are submitted to China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) through various Chinese line ministries and provincial institutions.

Priority Sectors

The priority areas for study, consistent with the China Country Strategy, are governance (mainly economic and public sector reform), health (mainly public health, HIV/AIDS, and other communicable diseases), and environment (mainly water resource management, climate change and clean energy).

China ADS aims to offer half of all scholarships in the governance area. The program also aims to achieve a gender balance, with at least half of the scholarships awarded to women.

The Application Process

Each year, AusAID and China's Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) will agree on a sectoral distribution of scholarships, and identify which central and provincial government authorities will be asked to submit ADS nominations.

- MOFCOM will then write to central and provincial government authorities inviting nominations from all eligible public sector employees.
- A Joint ADS Selection Panel (JASP) comprising two AusAID and two MOFCOM officials will meet each year to consider all applications. Only those candidates who have met the generic and China-specific Criteria for Individual Candidates outlined below will be considered for selection.
- The JASP will agree on a list of candidates (usually four times the number of scholarships available) to sit an IELTS examination, usually in Beijing.
- The JASP will reconvene to discuss and agree on a priority and reserve candidate-ranking list, based on the results of the IELTS examination.
- Application forms will then be sent to those priority and reserve candidates agreed by the JASP.
- Candidates must complete the application forms, answering all relevant questions and submit them to MOFCOM along with all required documentation.

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Indicative Selection Timeline

Date	Event
February-March	AusAID and MOFCOM agree on general principles and distribution of scholarship for the following year
March-April	MOFCOM invites nominations.
May	All nominees sit IELTS Test
June-July	Candidates short-listed jointly by AusAID and MOFCOM
July-August	Advise successful nominees and ask them to prepare applications
September	Applications sent to institutions
October-November	ADS Letter of Offer sent to students and advise students of visa requirements
Mid November	Pre-Departure Briefing
January	Students travel to Australia

Restrictions

Generic

- Be a Chinese citizen and not have permanent residence in Australia or New Zealand.
- Not be married or engaged to a person who is eligible to hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.
- Not hold another scholarship during the period of the ADS award.
- Not have held an Australian Government Scholarship in the 12 months preceding the application.
- Be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support through ADS for a course already commenced in Australia.

China-specific

- Candidates must hold a Bachelor level (or equivalent) qualification in the selected field for study in Australia.
- Candidates should have at least 3-5 years work experience in the public sector in the selected field for study in Australia.
- The selected field for study will only be approved by AusAID and MOFCOM if it is consistent with, and supportive of, the China Country Strategy Paper.

- Each candidate will provide:
 - a. A statement in English:
 - nominating the selected field of study,
 - demonstrating how an ADS scholarship will assist him/her to contribute to China's development, and
 - why the candidate wants to study in Australia
 - b. A current curriculum vitae in English, including indication of the level of English language skills
 - c. A letter of commitment from his/her relevant department indicating that on the candidate's return to China he/she will work in a position related to the selected field of study in Australia.
- The age of the candidates should be between 28-45 years.
- Each candidate will be required to meet university course entry requirements, including English language requirements. Candidates must obtain a valid score of at least 6.0 overall on the academic module of the IELTS test with no individual band less than 5.5.
- Each candidate must satisfy Australian Government requirements for international student entry to Australia (health, character etc).
- China ADS does not provide financial support for family entry. Students' spouses and children may visit the students studying in Australia, but will need to organise and fund this, including arranging visas to Australia, from their own resources.

English Language Testing

In addition to the 18 months for Masters studies, up to three months in-Australia Introductory Academic programs and pre-course English language training may be allowed

Contact Information

On behalf of AusAID, Hassall & Associates manages the administration of the ADS scheme in China. Further information on the ADS scheme can be obtained from the ADS office. Contact details for the ADS office are outlined below:

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