



Australia Awards

Disability Inclusive Development Fact Sheet

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities are included in, and equally benefit from Australia's development assistance. The objective of Australia's work in disability inclusive development is to improve the quality of life of people living with disabilities through:

- Enhancing participation and empowerment of people with disabilities, as contributors, leaders and decision makers in community, government and the private sector.
- Reducing poverty among people with disabilities.
- Improving equality for people with disabilities in all areas of public life, including service provision, education and employment.

The Australian Government works with partners, people with disabilities and their representative organisations to achieve this, recognising the vital role of people with disabilities in effective disability inclusive development.

Disability Inclusion and Australia Awards

Australia Awards provide opportunities for the next generation of global leaders, including those with disabilities, to study in Australia. Australia Awards proactively encourages, selects and supports awardees with disabilities to complete Masters-level Scholarships aligned with the priority sectors.

Principles and Procedures for Disability Support in the Australia Awards Scholarships

Additional support is provided to people living with a disability at all stages of the Scholarship cycle. Applicants with a disability are encouraged to notify the Australia Awards office as early as possible,

preferably when applying for an Australia Award Scholarship.

Early and full notification of a disability will not negatively affect the assessment of an applicant's eligibility and will enable us to provide appropriate support throughout the application and placement process (including any support that may be required in meeting eligibility requirements).

Reasonable adjustments will be provided to allow awardees with a disability to participate in their Scholarship on an equal basis with all other awardees. Each awardee's support requirements will be different and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Australian universities have an obligation to provide students with disabilities reasonable adjustments to support their academic endeavours, such as additional training and/or access to assistive technology. Australia Awards will provide 'non-academic' reasonable adjustments to ensure that awardees with a disability are adequately mobilised and supported, and have a positive experience in Australia.

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