



Pakistan

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Pakistan

Australia's international development assistance in Pakistan promotes sustainable, inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction, with an emphasis on women's empowerment, good governance and stability.

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, scholarship recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

Australia Awards align with the focus of Australia's development assistance to Pakistan, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors. The scholarships enhance awardees' skills and knowledge to contribute to inclusive, sustainable economic and social development.

Applicants will be assessed based on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Pakistan.

Applications from eligible women, people living with disability, and ethnic minorities are strongly encouraged. At least 50 per cent of the Awards will be given to qualified women applicants.

Priority areas of study

The priority areas of study for Pakistan for Intake 2018 are:

- **Health** (limited to public health and nutrition).
- **Education** (including early childhood, basic and higher education).
- **Economic growth** (including agriculture and rural development, international trade and economics, mining, water resources management and business management).
- **Good Governance and Stabilisation.**
- **Gender Equality.**

Applicants must be able to identify themselves under at least one of the profiles given below.

- **Profile 1 - Public Policy Practitioners**
<http://www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/docs/pakistan/intake-2018/profile-1.pdf>
- **Profile 2 - Public Policy Reformers and Leaders**
<http://www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/docs/pakistan/intake-2018/profile-2.pdf>
- **Profile 3 - Civil Society and Development Practitioners**
<http://www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/docs/pakistan/intake-2018/profile-3.pdf>
- **Profile 4 - Private Sector Reformers and Promoters of Pro-poor Growth**
<http://www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/docs/pakistan/intake-2018/profile-4.pdf>

All applicants will go through a competitive selection process. High priority will be given to those who have not had the prior opportunity to study or live overseas.

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Pakistan with the opportunity to obtain a Master's qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Australia Awards Scholarships benefits

Australia Awards Scholarships are offered for a maximum of two years, inclusive of 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.
- Reasonable support (academic and non-academic) for people living with disability based on a needs assessment.
- Fieldwork allowance – for research students and masters by course work which has a compulsory fieldwork component.

Eligibility criteria

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

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>

Applicants must meet the following basic eligibility requirements:

- Be a Pakistani citizen currently residing in Pakistan for at least two years.
- Not have applied for or be entitled to permanent residency or citizenship in Australia or New Zealand.
- Be able to satisfy all requirements of the Australian Government to hold a Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector (Subclass 500) visa.
- Not hold another Australia Awards Scholarship, or obtained a foreign scholarship in the last two years.
- Be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course already commenced in Australia.
- Be able to take up the Scholarship in the year for which it is offered.
- Satisfy the admission requirements of the Australian tertiary institution and the course to be undertaken.
- Have completed 16 years of education.
- Not be above 45 years of age at the time of submitting the application.
- Have at least five years' relevant work experience.

Applicants must also meet the following country specific conditions:

- Australia Award Scholarship recipients must return to Pakistan at the completion of their study for a minimum period of two years.

- 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.
 - i) The required IELTS score is an overall band of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0.
 - ii) 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.
- Meet the requirements of one of the four profiles listed above, and apply for a course that fits within the priority fields.
- Applicants must submit a Development Impact Plan which outlines clear objectives and motivations to contribute to development in Pakistan.
- Masters by research degree applicants must provide the outline of the research proposal (up to 1,000 words), and have an 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 to withdraw a scholarship offer.

Application dates (for study commencing in 2018)

Opening date: 1 February 2017

Closing date: 30 April 2017

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

The application process

Online applications

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

Applicants are strongly advised to submit applications online well before the closing date through the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS). The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays in submitting their application due to heavy usage of the OASIS website.

Supporting documents

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

Documents requiring certification are specified in the table below. If the document is not in English, the translated copy must be certified. See the Scholarships Policy Handbook for certification requirements.

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
Completed Development Impact Plan available at: www.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/how-to-apply/pakistan/long-term-awards/how-to-apply	Original
Proof of citizenship i.e. national identity card/birth certificate/passport if available	Attested copy
Photographic identification: passport-sized photograph or copy of passport	Attested copy
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelor's and Master's level) – both sides of all degrees should be copied	Attested copy
Academic transcripts – both sides of all transcripts should be copied	Attested copy
IELTS or TOEFL results valid as at 1 January 2018	Attested copy
Academic referee reports (two reports for Masters by research applicants, and one for Masters by coursework applicants) – template available at: http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/how-to-apply-for-an-australia-awards-scholarship.aspx	Original
Employment referee report (same template as above)	Original
Employment letters specifying years of service and job description (not employment contract)	Attested Copy
Evidence (a letter or email) of an in-principle agreement from a research supervisor at their chosen university in Australia (for Masters by research degree applicants whose study program includes at least 50 percent research only)	Attested Copy
Proposed research project (up to 1,000 words, for Masters by research degree applicants whose study program includes at least 50 percent research only)	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.
- Professional and personal leadership attributes.
- Potential of applicant to contribute to development outcomes in Pakistan upon return.

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.

Outcomes

All applicants will receive notification as to whether they have been successful by August 2017.

Further information

Further information about the Australia Awards can be found at:

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

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>

Other Useful Websites:

<http://www.dfat.gov.au>

<http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au>

<http://www.cricos.education.gov.au>

<http://www.border.gov.au> (information about visas)

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