

Australia Awards Scholarships

Sri Lanka
Intake 2017

Eligibility Checklist

Potential applicants for an Australia Awards Scholarship in Sri Lanka for Intake 2017 are encouraged to use this checklist to check whether they **may** satisfy the eligibility criteria for an Australia Award in Sri Lanka before they commence an application. This checklist is not exhaustive and must be read in conjunction with the Country Profile for Sri Lanka for Intake 2017 and the information available at: <http://australiaawardssrilanka.org>

Please note that Australia Awards will **only** be awarded to persons who apply for an Award in the prescribed manner and are selected through the formal selection process. Full details of the application and selection process and the conditions of award are available at: <http://australiaawardssrilanka.org>

	Criterion	Your Response/Eligibility
Personal Details		
Q1	Are you over 18 years of age?	Yes – please continue to Q2 No – you are ineligible
Q2	Are you a citizen of Sri Lanka and currently residing in and applying from Sri Lanka?	Yes – please continue to Q3 No – you are ineligible
Q3	Are you married, engaged to, or a de facto of a person who holds, or is eligible to hold, Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q4
Q4	Are you applying for a visa to live in Australia?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q5
Q5	Are you current serving military personnel?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q6
Previous Foreign Scholarships/Foreign Qualifications		
Q6	Have you held a foreign scholarship in the 24 months preceding the application closing date (30 April 2016)?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q7
Q7	Have you obtained an academic qualification outside Sri Lanka in the 24 months preceding the application closing date (30 April 2016)?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q8
Previous Scholarships from the Australian Government		
Q8	Have you previously been awarded a long term ¹ Australian Award?	Yes – please continue to Q9 No – please continue to Q10
Q9	Have you resided outside of Australia for twice the length of the total time that you were in Australia for your previous long term Australia Award? (for example, if you were on an Australia Awards Scholarship in Australia for two years you will not be	Yes – please continue to Q10 No – you are ineligible

¹ 'long term' means an award (scholarship) supporting studies of more than six months towards a course of studies, and which is recognized under the Australian Qualifications Framework

	eligible to apply for another Australia Awards Scholarship until you have resided outside Australia for four years)									
Proposed Study Program										
Q10	<p>Does your proposed study program fall within one of the Priority Development Sectors and one of the nominated Fields of Study for that Development Priority Sector detailed below?</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Priority Sector</td> <td>Field of Study</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Economic Development</td> <td>Agriculture Economics Business Development Economics Educational Management International Finance International Trade Maritime Studies Mathematics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Good Governance</td> <td>Development Studies Disability Studies Finance Law Political Economy Public Administration Public Policy Statistics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gender Equality</td> <td>Economics Gender Studies Political Science Psychology Sociology</td> </tr> </table>	Priority Sector	Field of Study	Economic Development	Agriculture Economics Business Development Economics Educational Management International Finance International Trade Maritime Studies Mathematics	Good Governance	Development Studies Disability Studies Finance Law Political Economy Public Administration Public Policy Statistics	Gender Equality	Economics Gender Studies Political Science Psychology Sociology	<p>Yes – please continue to Q11 No – you are ineligible. If you fall within one of the Development Priority Sectors but not one of the nominated Fields of Study for that Development Priority Sector, you are ineligible unless you change your proposed field of study</p>
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Economic Development	Agriculture Economics Business Development Economics Educational Management International Finance International Trade Maritime Studies Mathematics									
Good Governance	Development Studies Disability Studies Finance Law Political Economy Public Administration Public Policy Statistics									
Gender Equality	Economics Gender Studies Political Science Psychology Sociology									
Qualifications & Work Experience?										
Q11	<p>Do you satisfy the following requirements?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have a tertiary qualification at least equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree? Please contact the Australia Awards Country Program Manager if you are unsure if your qualification is accredited & accepted by the Australia Awards. Is your proposed Master’s course not longer than two years in duration? 	<p>Yes – please continue to Q12 No – you are ineligible</p>								

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you obtained an academic qualification outside Sri Lanka in the 24 months preceding the application closing date (30 April 2016)? • Have you worked in Sri Lanka for at least 24 months preceding 30 April 2016 and after completing your Bachelor's degree? • If you are working in the PUBLIC SECTOR, can you provide a letter from your employer confirming that you are confirmed in your current position & have at least 3 years' post qualification experience in the public sector with 2 years in a field relevant to the proposed course of study? • If you are working in the PRIVATE /CIVIL SOCIETY (NON GOVERNMENT) SECTOR, can you provide a letter from your employer confirming that you have at least 3 years' post qualification experience in a field relevant to the proposed course of study? 	
English Language Proficiency		
Q12	<p>Do you have one of the following test scores that will still be valid on 1 January 2017?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an IELTS (Academic) score average of 6.5 or above (with no individual band less than 6.0); for those working in the North, East, Uva & Sabaragamuwa provinces an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 (with no individual band less than 5.0) OR • a TOEFL paper-based test score of 580, with a minimum of 4.5 in the test of written English; OR a TOEFL internet-based (iBT) score of at least 92, with a minimum of 21 in all sub-tests; OR • a PTE Academic overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50?# 	<p>Yes – you <i>may</i> be eligible. We encourage you to investigate further at: http://australiaawardssrilanka.org</p> <p>No – you are ineligible unless you can satisfy this criterion by 30 April 2016</p>
Supporting Documentation		
Q13	<p>Can you submit all the supporting documents required along with your application? [Note: List of required documents can be found in the Sri Lanka Country Profile for Intake 2017 available at: www.australiaawardssrilanka.org</p>	<p>Yes – you <i>may</i> be eligible. We encourage you to investigate further at: www.australiaawardssrilanka.org</p> <p>No – you are ineligible unless you can satisfy this criterion by 30 April 2016</p>

Awardees must meet the English language requirement of their course which may be higher than these levels