



Myanmar

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Myanmar

Australia's international development assistance in Myanmar aims to support Myanmar's process of political, social and economic reform. The Australian aid program in Myanmar focuses on enhancing human development by improving the quality of education; promoting peace and stability; addressing the needs of conflict and disaster affected people, and promoting inclusive economic growth and government management.

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

In Myanmar, Australia Awards scholarships are available for Masters level study only.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Myanmar.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability, people from ethnic minority groups and people have not previously received a long-term International scholarship.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Myanmar are:

Human development with an emphasis on quality education including, but not limited to:

- Education and Training, Education Management, Human Resource Development

Peace, governance and humanitarian assistance including, but not limited to:

- Humanitarian Support, Disaster Management, Development Studies, Public Policy, and International Relations

Inclusive economic growth, private sector development and government management including, but not limited to:

- Economics, Business, Agriculture, Governance and Natural Resource Management, including Mining.

Cross-cutting themes will also be considered. These could include disability, gender equity, and climate change.

Study in other areas that are important for the development of Myanmar, following Myanmar's reform priorities and DFAT's Aid Investment Plan, will also be considered.

The governments of Australia and Myanmar regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program.

Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the Australian education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will 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
- supplementary academic support,
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework 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: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

As per the Handbook, current serving military personnel are unable to apply for an Australia Award.



English language requirements

Proof of English proficiency (IELTS or TOEFL) is not required to apply for a scholarship. Australian universities, however, require a high level of English language proficiency for admission. Applicants shortlisted for interview who do not have a current English proficiency score will need to undertake IELTS testing, funded by DFAT, to assess their potential for admission.

Successful candidates are offered assistance for up to 12 months of English language training if necessary.

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Myanmar must also meet the following conditions:

- be a Myanmar citizen currently residing in Myanmar
- be at least 18 years of age,
- be applying for courses that fall within the areas of development priority (see “Priority fields of study” above), and
- not be current serving military personnel.

Any application which shows evidence of plagiarism (e.g. copying from other candidates) will be deemed ineligible, as this constitutes fraud and will not be tolerated.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2019:

Opening date: 1 February 2018

Closing date: 30 April 2018

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

The application process

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

We strongly encourage applicants to apply online. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

Please see next page for document requirements. Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents with their application.

An electronic copy of the application form can be accessed on the Australian Embassy website (<http://myanmar.embassy.gov.au/>) or by emailing australiaawards.myanmar@dfat.gov.au

Hard copy applications may be accepted in circumstances where an applicant faces significant difficulty applying electronically. In these cases, hard copy applications should be submitted to the Australian Embassy at 623 Pyay Road, Kamaryut, Yangon.

People living with a disability requiring support for the application process please contact us directly.

Please do not submit more than one application.

The selection process

The Australia Awards scholarships are highly competitive. Applications are checked against the eligibility criteria, followed by a merit-based selection process comprising application assessment; interviews; and referee and character checks.

Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Myanmar
- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.

Following eligibility checking, (see section ‘Eligibility criteria’) candidates will be shortlisted for interview. Short-listed Australia Awards scholarship applicants will be invited to interview in August 2018. Successful applicants will be notified in October and mobilised towards the end of 2018.

Preparatory training

- All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing.
- All successful applicants who do not meet English language requirements for admission to their selected Australian institution will be offered assistance for up to one year of English language training in Myanmar, funded by the Australian Government.

Contact Details

Australian Embassy
623 Pyay Road
Yangon, Myanmar

Telephone: 0 1 230 7410 (extension 116 or 233)

Email: australiaawards.myanmar@dfat.gov.au

Australia Global Alumni

When Australia Award scholars return to Myanmar at the completion of their study, they have the opportunity to join the Alumni network to build and mobilise professional networks and stay connected with friends.

The Australian Embassy in Myanmar supports professional development opportunities and hosts regular networking events for Alumni.

Supporting Documents

Applicants must submit with their application all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Scholarships Policy Handbook.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Myanmar:

Document type	Need to be Certified? (see note below)
Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate, National Registration Certificate (NRC) or passport if available and photographic identification i.e. student card/drivers licence if passport is not available.	Need to be certified
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level)	Need to be certified
Academic transcripts (grades from previous study)	Need to be certified
IELTS, TOEFL, PTE Academic results (if available) <i>Note that these results are not necessary to submit application.</i>	Need to be certified
Referee reports (with seal if available): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Academic referee report (if available).• One Employment referee report (or two if no academic referee report is available) <i>Please use provided template (from the Embassy website and Facebook page).</i>	No need to be certified
Curriculum Vitae <i>This can use any format – there is no template provided.</i>	No need to be certified

Note on Certification: Document certification can be completed by any public notary.

Application Tips

- In Myanmar, Australia Awards scholarships are for **Masters level study** only.
- Please **do not submit more than one application**. For instance, if you have submitted an application on OASIS, do not submit a hard copy application.
- **OASIS applications are preferred**, although applicants will not be penalised for email or hard copy applications. If you have issues uploading documents on OASIS, we suggest trying a different internet browser or a different computer.
- Each course at an Australian university has its own CRICOS code. You will need to enter this code when entering course preferences in the application form. The **CRICOS code** is a **7-digit code** (e.g. 123456A). If you are unsure, search for the course name and “CRICOS”.
- **Please submit all the required documents** with your application. Details of these documents and their certification are on the previous page of this document.
- **You do not need to have a current IELTS score** to apply for this scholarship. If you are invited to an interview, we may ask you to sit an English competency test. The fees for this test would be paid by Australia Awards. If you are awarded a scholarship and your English level is not at the level required by your university of choice, you may be eligible for up to 12 months of English study funded by the Australian Government.
- When answering the application questions, **consider the question carefully** and **be specific** in your answers. For example, try to outline your role in your work and describe how you approached a challenge.
- Remember that **copying or plagiarism is not tolerated** and may result in ineligibility.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards in Myanmar and Australia’s Aid Program in Myanmar:

<http://myanmar.embassy.gov.au/>

<http://myanmar.embassy.gov.au/rang/cooperation.html>

www.facebook.com/AustralianEmbassyMyanmar

General information about the Australia Awards, Australia’s aid program, and study in Australia:

www.australiaawards.gov.au

www.dfat.gov.au

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

Scholarships Policy Handbook:

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