



Australia Awards

# Australia Maritime Security Scholarships (AMSS) for Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Maritime Security studies for Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines

Australia's international development assistance in Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines promotes a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for Australia and in the region.

The Australia Awards program aims to support partner countries in achieving their development goals through education, knowledge exchange, and building enduring relationships with Australia. It equips emerging leaders with the skills, networks, and experience needed to contribute to sustainable development and foster international cooperation.

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

Applications from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups are encouraged.

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for government employees in Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines who are working in maritime security policy are:

- Maritime Policy
- Maritime Laws

The governments of Australia and Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program

### Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at a specific Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2027 within the following allocations:

- Masters level

The Masters course will be delivered by the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) at the University of Wollongong, with a choice from two courses:

- Master of Maritime Policy
- Master of Laws (Law of the Sea)

### 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](#)

## Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and the Philippines who apply for this award must also meet the following conditions:

- Be a citizen and current early or mid-career government employee of Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, or the Philippines
- Be working on issues related to maritime security policy
- Hold a recognised bachelor's degree
- Have endorsement from your government agency to apply for this award

Applicants must demonstrate that they meet the eligibility criteria above in their written application.

## Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2027:

Opening date: 1 February 2026 (09:00 AEST)

Closing date: 30 April 2026 (14:00 AEST)

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

## The application process

### Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through [OASIS](#). Applicants will need to select the specific maritime scholarships scheme (Australia Maritime Security Scholarships AMSS) from the drop down list in the general application menu.

- Applicants must use their full name exactly as it appears on their passport, including first, middle, and last names.
- Applicants must not use nicknames, shortened versions, or abbreviations of their names.

### Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*. Applicants must compile documents into single PDFs by document category, name the files appropriately (e.g. "Certificates", "Referee Reports"), and ensure that the scanned documents are in colour, legible, in correct page order and orientation.

## The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted regarding the outcome of the shortlisting process.
- The selection process may include an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
  - academic competence

- potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam or the Philippines
- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2026.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the federal Department of Home Affairs and Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

### **Preparatory training**

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

### **Further information**

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- [Australia Awards Scholarships](#)
- [Study in Australia](#)

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

### **Contact details**

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