



Australia Awards

Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand

Applying for an Australia for ASEAN scholarship

Australia for ASEAN scholarships in Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand

On 27 October 2021, Australia's Prime Minister announced 100 Australia for ASEAN Scholarships to support emerging ASEAN leaders to study in Australia and advance the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP), to mark the establishment of the Australia-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Australia for ASEAN scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of leaders from ASEAN member states. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia. Each ASEAN member state will receive 10 Australia for ASEAN Scholarships.

Australia for ASEAN scholars will also participate in an Indo-Pacific Emerging Leaders Program, which will provide a range of learning, networking and development opportunities.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and their potential to impact on one of the four priority areas of cooperation: maritime, connectivity, economic, and sustainable development cooperation.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study are:

- Maritime
- Connectivity
- Economic
- Sustainable Development Cooperation

Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: <https://asean.org/speechandstatement/asean-outlook-on-the-indo-pacific/>

Level of study

Australia for ASEAN scholarships provide citizens of Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand with the opportunity to obtain a Masters qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Scholarships will be offered for commencement in 2023.

Australia for ASEAN Scholarship benefits

Australia for ASEAN 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
- a place in the Indo-Pacific Emerging Leaders Program.



Eligibility criteria

Australia for ASEAN scholarship 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

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand must also meet the following conditions:

- be a citizen of Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore or Thailand, or be a permanent resident of Brunei
- already hold an undergraduate degree
- an English language proficiency of at least 6.5 in IELTS with no band less than 6.0 (or 575 in paper based TOEFL or 90 in internet based TOEFL or 61 in PTE Academic). The IELTS, TOEFL or PTE Academic result must be current (obtained in the last 2 years from the application closing date, or a test result obtained between 30 April 2020 and 30 April 2022 will be considered current). No other English language test (including TOEFL prediction test) results will be accepted

IELTS testing result is not a requirement for applicants if:

- English was the language of instruction for your undergraduate degree, or
 - you studied in Australia within the last two-years, or
 - you completed over five years of study in one of the following English speaking countries: Australia, UK, USA, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, or the Republic of Ireland
- answer all relevant questions on the application form.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2023:

Opening date: 1 February 2022

Closing date: 29 April 2022 (11.59PM 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.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand:

OASIS document type
Birth certificate
Proof of citizenship e.g. passport
Brunei permanent residents – proof of residency (valid IC) and valid travel document e.g. passport or certificate of identity
Current Curriculum Vitae
All official degrees, certificates, diplomas and their transcripts *
Current (original) IELTS, or TOEFL, or PTE result (if applicable).

**Must be certified by: a notary; or the official records department of the institution that originally issued the document/s.*

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted
- The selection process includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, specifically advancing the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2022
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

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

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards can be found on the DFAT Website

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

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

Contacts

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