



Bangladesh

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Bangladesh

Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development. Through study and research, recipients develop necessary skills and knowledge to drive change and to build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

In Bangladesh, Australia Awards will support the Australian Government's *Partnerships for Recovery: COVID-19 Development Response Plan 2020-21 and 2021-22* and the Bangladesh Government's *8th Five Year Plan 2021-2025*. Australia Awards will focus on supporting health security, stability and economic recovery in Bangladesh by strengthening government systems, enhancing policy-making in priority sectors, improving economic governance, and building trade and business capabilities.

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

Applications are strongly encouraged from eligible women, people with disability and ethnic minorities. At least 50 per cent of the scholarships will be targeted at suitability qualified female applicants.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Bangladesh are:

Priority areas	Fields of study
Blue economy	Fisheries & aquaculture Marine & maritime studies Seaports & shipping
Health	Public health Health management International/global public health Health Leadership
Development Environment Sustainability	Climate change & disaster risk reduction Environment sustainability & development

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	Emergency & humanitarian response management Water resources management Agriculture
Trade Industry	International trade & business Financial planning & management Tourism/sustainable tourism/eco-tourism Arts management
Public Policy Economics Governance	Public policy & management Public administration Public finance & economics Power, energy & mineral resources Human rights & international relations
Infrastructure Science Engineering	Engineering & technology Information technology Transport & infrastructure
Security studies	Cyber security Counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism Police studies & intelligence

The governments of Australia and Bangladesh regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: **Australia Awards Bangladesh**.

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Bangladesh with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2022 within the following allocation:

- master's (by coursework or research).

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
- field work 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 by visiting the [website](#).

Commencement of study

Scholarships for study commencing in 2022 must be taken up in Semester 1 of 2022 unless it is deferred by the program or travel restrictions due to COVID-19.

Country-specific conditions

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

- Must be from one of the following target groups:
 - Group 1:** Cadre Officials from the Government of Bangladesh, officials of the Bangladesh Bank, and Judicial Services officials
 - Group 2:** Workers from development organisations, specifically non-government organisations, civil society organisations, community-based organisations
 - Group 3:** Entrepreneurs or employees of private sector organisations
 - Group 4:** Individuals from academia, research institutions, media and cultural organisations
- be a citizen of Bangladesh and be residing in and applying for the scholarship from Bangladesh
- not be 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, at any time during the application, selection or mobilisation phases
- not be currently serving as military personnel
- not be a citizen of Australia, hold permanent residency in Australia or be applying for a visa to live in Australia permanently
- not be applying for another long-term Australia Award unless they have resided outside of Australia for twice the length of the total time that they were in Australia

- must be able to satisfy admission requirements of the Australian institution where the Award will be undertaken
- must be able to satisfy all requirements of the Department of Home Affairs to hold a Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade supported student visa
- must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of at least 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2022
- women, people with disability, and members of traditionally marginalised groups will be considered for eligibility with an IELTS (Academic) overall score of 6 or above (with no individual band less than 5.5) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE test score. However, if offered an Australia Awards Scholarship, these applicants must meet the institution's English language requirements before commencing the approved main course of studies.

Qualifications/ work experience

- Have at least four (4) years' full-time relevant work experience (preference will be given to candidates who are applying for fields of study that builds on their work experience).
- Have completed a tertiary level qualification at least equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree.

Please note that bachelor's degrees obtained from private universities in Bangladesh are generally not considered equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree. Applicants should check with their proposed Australian institution whether their Bangladesh qualification is considered equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree.

Generally, scholarships will not be available for courses of study in Australia where the applicant has already achieved that qualification and the qualification is deemed to be equivalent to the Australian qualification.

Special conditions

Applicants must also meet the following country-specific conditions:

applicants wishing to study for a master's by research degree must identify a potential supervisor and must show proof of in-principle support from their university/potential research supervisor

scholarship recipients are required to return to Bangladesh for at least two years after completing their studies.

The Program will request *recognition of prior learning* for all Scholarship recipients from Bangladesh. If this request is granted, the recipient may be placed in a degree program that may be shorter in duration than for that which they have originally applied.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2022:

Opening date: 1 February 2021

Closing date: 30 April 2021

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 provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Bangladesh:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified or Attested by Notary Public
Passport	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Copy of original certificates including School Leaving Certificate (SLC) or equivalent	Degree certificate	Yes
Academic transcripts specifying divisions/ grades from SLC onwards	Academic transcript	Yes
IELTS, TOEFL or PTE certificate (valid at 1 January 2022)	Proof of English language proficiency	Yes
Master's coursework applicants: two referee reports (one academic and one professional); Master's by research applicants: three referee reports (two academic and one professional)	Referee report	No
Development Impact Plan	Other document	No
Curriculum Vitae	Other document	No
Employment letter (if employed)	Other document	No
Additional requirements for master's by research applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research proposal• Evidence of in-principle support from the potential supervisor	Other document	No

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 the contribution to development outcomes in Bangladesh
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.

Successful candidates will be notified no later than 30 August 2021.

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 — Bangladesh can be found at **Australia Awards Bangladesh**

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

- **Australia Awards**
- **Study in Australia**

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found by visiting the website **Scholarships Policy Handbook**

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