



# Bangladesh

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Bangladesh

Australia's international development assistance in Bangladesh helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

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

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

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

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Bangladesh are:

| Priority areas                                 | Fields of study   |
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| <b>Blue economy</b>                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fisheries &amp; aquaculture</li><li>• Marine &amp; maritime studies</li><li>• Maritime domain awareness</li><li>• Seaports &amp; shipping</li></ul>   |
| <b>Health</b>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health care management, leadership, economics</li><li>• Global &amp; public health including nutrition</li><li>• Indigenous and community health</li><li>• Occupational health, safety, and promotion</li><li>• Geriatric health</li></ul>  |
| <b>Sustainable Development and Environment</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agriculture development</li><li>• Climate change, adaptation &amp; mitigation</li><li>• Disaster management and risk reduction</li><li>• Disability equity and rights</li><li>• Forestry and environmental management</li><li>• Emergency &amp; humanitarian response management</li><li>• Water resources management</li></ul>       |
| <b>Social Inclusion</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Disability inclusion, equity, and rights</li><li>• Gender justice, diversity, and inclusion</li><li>• Technical and vocational education and skills development</li><li>• Indigenous knowledge, land management, and human rights</li><li>• Creative arts including performing arts, visual arts, communication &amp; media</li></ul> |
| <b>Inclusive Economic Development</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial planning &amp; management</li><li>• International trade &amp; business</li><li>• ICT, Innovation &amp; Entrepreneurship</li><li>• Small &amp; Medium enterprise</li><li>• Tourism, particularly sustainable tourism</li><li>• Supply chain management</li></ul>   |



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| <b>Public Policy Governance</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International relations and foreign policy</li> <li>• Power, energy &amp; mineral resources</li> <li>• Public policy &amp; management</li> <li>• Public administration</li> <li>• Public finance &amp; economics</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Infrastructure Science Engineering</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer science (including artificial intelligence &amp; machine learning)</li> <li>• Data cloud, network and management</li> <li>• Information system and digital technology,</li> <li>• Architecture, transport &amp; infrastructure</li> <li>• Robotics</li> </ul> |
| <b>Security studies</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countering terrorism and violent extremism</li> <li>• Cyber awareness &amp; security</li> <li>• Gender peace and security</li> <li>• Transnational crime (including maritime security and countering drug trafficking)</li> </ul>                                      |

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 2026 within the following allocations:

- Master's by Coursework
- Master's by Research

### Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards scholarships are offered for (not more than two years) 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 Bangladesh must also meet the following conditions:

- Must be from one of the following target groups:
  - **Group A:** Cadre Officials of the Government of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Bank officials, and Judicial Services cadre officials.
  - **Group B:** Workers from development organisations, particularly non-government organisations, civil society organisations, or community-based organisations.
  - **Group C:** Entrepreneurs or employees of private sector organisations.
  - **Group D:** Individuals from research institutions, universities, 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
- 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 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 on 1 January 2026
  - women, people with disability, indigenous people, and persons from any marginalized gender 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 general English proficiency requirement to receive the scholarship.

### Qualifications / work experience

- Preference will be given to candidates who are applying for courses that build on their previous study and **full-time relevant** work experience of **three years**.
- Have completed a tertiary level qualification that is at least **equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree**.
  - For applicants who completed **all** their degrees in Bangladesh: at least one degree must be from a university recognised by the University Grants Commission (Bangladesh).

### Special condition

- The Program will request *Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)* for all scholarship recipients from Bangladesh. If this request is granted by the university, the recipient may be placed in a degree program that may be shorter in duration than their original preference.

### Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2026:

- Opening date: 1 February 2025
- Closing date: 30 April 2025 (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 provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Bangladesh:

| Required Document  | OASIS Document Type                   | Attested by Notary Public |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Passport   | Proof of citizenship                  | Yes                       |
| Transcript and Certificate of bachelor's and master's (if applicable) degrees                                | Degree certificate                    | Yes                       |
| IELTS, TOEFL or PTE certificate (valid at 01 January 2026)   | Proof of English language proficiency | Yes                       |
| Development Impact and Linkages Plan<br>(use the prescribed template on <b>Australia Awards Bangladesh</b> ) | Other document                        | No                        |
| Curriculum Vitae<br>(use the prescribed template on <b>Australia Awards Bangladesh</b> )                     | Other document                        | No                        |
| If employed at the time of application, employment certificate   | Other document                        | No                        |
| Proof of work experiences  | Other document                        | No                        |

| Required Document  | OASIS Document Type                     | Attested by Notary Public |
|--|---|---------------------------|
| For applicants from the Government of Bangladesh, proof of cadre service                               | Other document                          | No                        |
| For Master's by coursework applicants, submit Two referee reports - one academic - one professional.   | <a href="#">Referee report template</a> | No                        |
| For Master's by research applicants; submit Three referee reports - two academic and one professional. | <a href="#">Referee report template</a> | No                        |

#### Additional requirements for masters by research applicants

| Required Document  | OASIS Document Type | Attested by Notary Public |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Research proposal (use prescribed template on <a href="http://australiaawardsbangladesh.org">australiaawardsbangladesh.org</a> ) | Other document      | No                        |
| Evidence of written (email or letter) in-principle support from potential supervisor(s).   | Other document      | No                        |

#### The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- The selection process includes a written and 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 by September 2025.
- Awardee's travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government Department of Education and Department of Home Affairs and by the relevant Australian State or 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

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 Australia](#)

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

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