



Australia Awards

Brunei Darussalam

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Brunei Darussalam

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

Australia Awards scholarships in Brunei Darussalam reflect our countries' shared commitment to education, leadership and regional cooperation. Through world-class postgraduate study in Australia, recipients will not only gain academic excellence, but also develop the networks, leadership skills and global outlook to stand out in their careers and contribute to shaping the future of Brunei and the region. Scholars will also join an influential alumni community spanning Southeast Asia and beyond, creating opportunities that last well beyond their studies.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential as future leaders. Applications are strongly encouraged from women and people with disability.

Priority fields of study

Eligible Bruneian citizens and residents can apply for postgraduate study in any of the following priority fields of study:

- Climate Change / Energy
- Defence / Security
- Economics / Sustainable Development
- Food Security / Agriculture
- Health
- Humanities / Arts
- Maritime
- Science

The governments of Australia and Brunei Darussalam regularly review these areas of study together and adjust as needed.

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Brunei Darussalam with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at one of Australia's world-class tertiary institutions. Awards will be offered for commencement in 2027 at either:

- PhD; or
- Master 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,
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework which has a compulsory fieldwork component.

On graduation, alumni will join the global Australia Awards alumni, a network of over 100,000 leaders across the world, and continue to have access to networking opportunities in Brunei.

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 Brunei Darussalam must also meet the following conditions:

- be a citizen of Brunei, or for those residing in Brunei be a permanent resident of Brunei holding a Brunei ICI;
- 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 2024 and 30 April 2026 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-year, 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 2027:

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

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 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.

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

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified*
Birth certificate	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Passport/valid travel document (ICI)	Proof of citizenship	Yes
IC (identity card)	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Current Curriculum Vitae	Other document	No
All official degrees, certificates, diplomas and transcripts	Degree certificate or Academic transcript	Yes
Current original IELTS; or TOEFL; or PTE result (if applicable)	Other Document	Yes

*Must be certified by: a notary; or the official records department of the institution that originally issued the document/s. *If not in English, a certified translation

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 includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, specifically the ability to drive positive change in Brunei and build enduring people-to-people links with Australia
 - 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 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:

- 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 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](#).

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