



Australia Awards

# Cambodia

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

### Australia Awards Cambodia

Australia's development assistance program in Cambodia aims to contribute to greater prosperity, stability and resilience – in Cambodia and the broader Indo-Pacific region.

Australia Awards Scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of local, national and global leaders. 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 provide educational opportunities for talented Cambodians at the postgraduate level to contribute to Cambodia's development and COVID-19 response and recovery, in line with Australia's *Cambodia COVID-19 Development Response Plan*, available at:

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/covid-response-plan-cambodia.pdf>.

Applicants will be assessed for their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to have an impact on development challenges in Cambodia.

Australia Awards Scholarships are open to applicants from all sectors in Cambodia, including public sector agencies, academia and think tanks, civil society organisations, the media and the private sector.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability, and people living and working outside of Phnom Penh. A support scheme is available to assist equal participation for these applicants.

### Fields of study

In recognition of the genuine development challenges across all sectors in Cambodia, applicants from all fields of study are encouraged to apply. Applicants should select courses that align with their experience and qualifications or provide a strong justification for courses that represent a shift in career focus or direction. Scholarships are not available for general management degrees, such as a Master of Business Administration.

Candidates are advised to check the Australia Awards Cambodia website for further information: [www.australiaawardscambodia.org](http://www.australiaawardscambodia.org)

### Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships are long-term awards providing Cambodians with the opportunity to obtain

postgraduate qualifications at a Masters level (either by coursework or research) or, in exceptional cases, PhD level at an Australian tertiary education institution.

### 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 only).

### Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: [www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx](http://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

### Country-specific conditions

In addition to these global eligibility requirements, applicants from Cambodia must also meet each of the following country specific conditions:

- be a citizen of Cambodia, with no dual or additional citizenship
- be a resident in Cambodia for a period of 24 months as at 30 April 2021 (i.e. the day applications close) other than for short absences related to employment, professional development or holidays
- have at least 24 months full-time (or part-time equivalent) work experience as at 30 April 2021 (i.e. the day applications close)
- declare all previous study undertaken irrespective of whether it is complete or incomplete or undertaken within Cambodia or another country<sup>1</sup>
- provide all of the required supporting documents listed on page 3.

<sup>1</sup> Preference may be given to applicants who do not already have a Masters degree

from another country (other than Cambodia)

### **In addition, Masters (by Coursework) level applicants must:**

- have English language proficiency of at least the following (with strong preference given to applicants with higher English language scores), at the time of application:
  - IELTS Academic result with an overall score of 5.5, with no band less than 5.0, or
  - an internet-based TOEFL score of 46, or
  - PTE Academic overall score of 42; and
- obtain an English language test result after 30 April 2020; and
- satisfy the admission requirements of the selected university of study
  - in most cases, the applicant must hold a Bachelor degree, considered equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree; or
  - in some exceptional circumstances, an applicant may be able to satisfy admission requirements without a Bachelor degree. If this is the case, the applicant must provide a Letter of Offer (for study in 2022) for their first preferred course and university. This must be submitted as part of their Australia Awards Scholarship application.<sup>2</sup>

### **In addition, Master (by Research) and PhD level applicants must:**

- have an English language proficiency of at least:
  - an IELTS Academic result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0, or
  - an internet-based TOEFL score of at least 84, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests, or
  - PTE Academic overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50
- obtain an English language test result after 30 April 2020; and
- provide an Unconditional Letter of Offer from the intended University and two referee reports (refer to requirements under the supporting documents section).

### **Application dates**

For study commencing in Australia in 2022

**Opening date:** 1 February 2021

**Closing date:** 30 April 2021 (11:59pm Canberra time)

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

### **The application process**

#### **Online applications**

Apply online at the following [website](#):

When applying online, all supporting documents must be uploaded to meet the specific eligibility requirements for Cambodia. The maximum document size (per document) for uploading is 2 MB.

Applicants are strongly advised to complete and submit

their online application well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

#### **Hardcopy applications**

Application forms can be downloaded at the following [website](#). Completed hardcopy applications must be hand delivered or mailed to the Australian Embassy, No 16B National Assembly St. Phnom Penh, and received by the closing date.

#### **Supporting documents**

Table 1 (below) lists the documents that must be provided to ensure your application is eligible for consideration.

Documents requiring English translation do not have to be certified at the time of application.

**If all relevant supporting documents are not provided as specified, the application is incomplete and will be deemed ineligible.**

Australia Awards Scholarships are administered by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), which has zero tolerance of fraudulent activity or behaviour. DFAT defines fraud as *dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means*. For example, providing false or misleading information or not providing relevant information could be considered as fraud. This may include failing to declare previous study undertaken, irrespective of whether it is **complete** or **incomplete**.

Where fraud is detected, the application will be deemed ineligible and the applicant will be barred from applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship in future rounds.

#### **Commencement of study**

All scholarships must be taken up in the year the year for which they are awarded, this however also depends on travel restrictions due to COVID-19.

<sup>2</sup> Applicants holding a Bachelor degree are NOT required to provide a Letter of Offer.

**Table 1: Supporting documents**

**All Applicants**

Document	Document Type
All official university degree certificate(s), with English translations.	Degree certificate/s
All official university transcripts of results, with English translations for complete and incomplete courses of study	Academic transcript/s
Evidence of personal identification and date of birth (e.g. passport personal information pages, National ID card, birth certificate).	Proof of citizenship
Evidence or a statement(s) from workplace(s) (either current or previous) confirming positions held and duration of employment, to satisfy the 24-month eligibility requirement. This statement must be dated and signed by employer/s. (refer Australia Awards Cambodia website for a template that outlines details required).	Employer/ Ministry Statement/s
Curriculum Vitae (Applicants <b>must</b> use the CV template referred to in the promotional brochure and on Australia Awards Cambodia website).	CV
Evidence at the time of application of a minimum English language proficiency (with strong preference given to applicants with higher English language scores) level of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an IELTS Academic result with an overall score of 5.5, with no band less than 5.0, or</li> <li>an internet-based TOEFL score of 46, or</li> <li>PTE Academic overall score of 42.</li> </ul> (A test result must have been obtained after 30 April 2020).	English language test result

**Master by Research and PhD**

Document	Document Type
Minimum of two academic referee reports (referee report template is available on Australia Awards Cambodia website).	Referee Reports
An <i>Unconditional Letter of Offer</i> from the intended university	Unconditional letter of offer
Evidence at the time of application of a minimum English language proficiency level of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>an IELTS Academic result with an overall score of 6.5, with no band less than 6.0, or</li> <li>an internet-based TOEFL score of at least 84, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests, or</li> <li>PTE Academic overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50.</li> </ul> (A test result must have been obtained after 30 April 2020).	English language test result

## The selection process

Following confirmation of eligibility, applications will be shortlisted. The selection process will include an interview based on the principles of merit and equity. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in Cambodia
- professional and personal leadership attributes.

Due to uncertainties resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Australia Awards Cambodia reserves the right to modify the selection process to offer an Australia Awards Scholarship to suitable applicants that applied for the 2021 Intake and would likely have been offered a scholarship if not for the pandemic.

## Preparatory training

- Awardees are required to undertake English language training (up to six months) and/or pre-departure training (approximately three weeks) before departure to Australia.
- If not already achieved, awardees must attain:
  - an IELTS Academic result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0, or
  - an internet-based TOEFL score of at least 84, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests, or
  - PTE Academic overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50
- During the training period, a monthly stipend is paid: \$200 per month for Phnom Penh based awardees and \$240 per month for those based outside of Phnom Penh.
- Applicants should carefully consider the financial implications of the compulsory pre-departure training and the stipend payable when applying for a scholarship.

## Outcomes

Applicants will be informed at each stage in the selection process if their application is not proceeding further.

Applicants who are interviewed will be notified of the outcome shortly after the selection process concludes.

**Please note that Australia Awards Scholarships are provisional until the following requirements are met:**

- applicant attains the minimum English language proficiency, irrespective of any lesser English language requirements of their chosen university. A failure to achieve the prescribed English language proficiency levels, after completion of English language training, will result in the applicant's provisional Australia Awards Scholarship being withdrawn. The applicant will not progress to undertake their scholarship in Australia;
- applicant is placed at an Australian university; and
- applicant is issued with the relevant visa by the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

## Further information

Information about Australia Awards Cambodia can be found at the following [website](#)

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

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

Information about visa and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#):

## Contact Details

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