



Australia Awards

Cambodia

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Cambodia

Australia's international development assistance in Cambodia 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 Cambodia.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability, people living and working outside of Phnom Penh, indigenous and ethnic minorities, LGBTIQ+ and other marginalised groups. 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. Applications for climate-related study are strongly encouraged. 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's of Business Administration.

Candidates are advised to check [Australia Awards Cambodia](#) for further information.

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships are long-term awards providing Cambodians with the opportunity to obtain postgraduate qualifications at Master's level (either by coursework or research) or 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 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 these eligibility requirements, applicants from Cambodia must also meet 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 2025 (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 2025 (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 country¹
- provide all of the required supporting documents listed below

In addition, Master's 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 at least 6.0, with no band less than 5.5², or
 - an internet-based TOEFL score of at least 60, or
 - PTE Academic overall score of 50; and
- obtain an English language test result after 1 January 2024; 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 2026) for their first preferred course and university. This must be submitted as part of their Australia Awards Scholarship application.³

In addition, Master's 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 6.0⁴, 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 1 January 2024; and
- provide evidence (e.g. letter or email communication) of extensive correspondence with the proposed supervisor or faculty, demonstrating serious progress on thesis development over a period of time and that the applicant has received in-principle support for their research topic from a potential supervisor.
- provide two referee reports (refer to requirements under the supporting documents section).

¹ Preference may be given to applicants who do not already have a Master's degree from a university overseas

² IELTS One Skill Retake (OSR) is accepted for AAS eligibility purposes, but placement is subject to the university acceptance

³ Applicants holding a Bachelor degree are NOT required to provide a Letter of Offer.

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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

Apply online at: [OASIS](#).

Applicants must upload all supporting documents to meet the specific eligibility requirements for Cambodia as set out in Table 1 (below). 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: [Australia Awards Cambodia](#).

Completed hardcopy applications (including all supporting documents to meet the specific eligibility requirements for Cambodia as set out in Table 1 below) 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. The maximum document size (per document) for uploading is 2 MB.

Documents presented in Khmer, or any other language, must be translated to English. 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.





Table 1: Supporting documents required

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, duration of employment and whether full or part-time, 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 must use the CV template referred to in the promotional brochure and on the 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">- an IELTS Academic result with an overall score of at least 6.0⁵, with no band less than 5.5, or an internet-based TOEFL score of at least 60, or PTE Academic overall score of 50. (A test result must have been obtained after 1 January 2024).	English language test result

Master's by Research and PhD

Document	Document Type
Minimum of two academic referee reports (referee report template is available on the Australia Awards Cambodia website).	Referee Reports
Evidence of extensive correspondence with the proposed supervisor or faculty, demonstrating serious progress on thesis development over a period of time and that the applicant has received in-principle support for their research topic from a potential supervisor.	Other document
Evidence at the time of application of a minimum English language proficiency level of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- an IELTS Academic result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0⁶, 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. (A test result must have been obtained after 1 January 2024).	English language test result

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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 Cambodia.
 - professional and personal leadership attributes, including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2025.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Australian Government Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

Preparatory training

- Awardees are required to undertake full-time pre-departure training (of approximately three weeks duration) before departure to Australia.
- Following selection, awardees of Master's by Coursework must attain the following English language proficiency before an award is confirmed⁷:
 - an IELTS Academic result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0⁸, 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
- Awardees of Master's by Coursework yet to achieve the prescribed English language proficiency levels above, are required to undertake full-time English language training (up to six months) to assist them meet the English proficiency requirements.
- During these training periods, a monthly stipend is paid: for Phnom Penh based awardees - \$270 per month for non-government and \$210 per month for government awardees. For awardees based outside of Phnom Penh - \$370 per month for non-government and \$330 per month for government awardees.
- Applicants should carefully consider the financial implications of the compulsory pre-departure training, in particular, any full-time English language training required, and the stipend payable when applying for a scholarship.
- Awardees are also required to attend university's Introductory Academic Program.

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 Government Department of Home Affairs (including meeting medical requirements).

⁷ Note that this level of proficiency is higher than that required for eligibility

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Further information

Information about Australia Awards–Cambodia can be found at [Australia Awards Cambodia](#)

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

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

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

Contact Details

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