



# Maldives

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Maldives

Australia's international development assistance in Maldives 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 eligible Maldivians are:

Priority Sectors	Fields of Study
<b>Effective and accountable state</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business Administration</li><li>• Economics</li><li>• Fisheries &amp; Aquatic Resources</li><li>• Information &amp; Communication Technologies</li><li>• Law and Justice</li><li>• Project Management</li><li>• Public Administration &amp; Policy</li><li>• Public Financial Management</li><li>• Statistics &amp; Data Management</li><li>• Tourism &amp; Hospitality</li></ul>
<b>Resilient community and state</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Climate Change Adaptation &amp; Resilience</li><li>• Cultural Studies</li><li>• Disability Studies</li><li>• Disaster Management &amp; Risk Reduction</li><li>• Education</li><li>• Environmental &amp; Resource Management</li><li>• Gender Studies</li><li>• Health (including Public &amp; Mental Health)</li><li>• Psychology, Social Work &amp; Counselling</li><li>• Renewable Energy</li><li>• Sustainable Infrastructure Development</li><li>• Youth Studies</li></ul>



The governments of Australia and Maldives 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: [www.australiaawardsmaldives.org](http://www.australiaawardsmaldives.org).

### Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2025 within the following allocations:

- Master's level qualification 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.

### Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook>

### Country-specific conditions

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

- must meet the English language requirements as set out in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2025 and should be submitted no later than 30 June 2024.
- not have held a foreign scholarship in the 24 months preceding the application closing date
- not have obtained an academic qualification outside Maldives in the 24 months preceding the application closing date, calculated from the date of arrival back in the home country
- have a tertiary qualification at least equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree
- have worked in Maldives for at least 24 months preceding the application closing date and after completing their Bachelor's degree.

### Special Conditions

- Public sector employees selected for an Australia Awards scholarship may be required to provide a copy of their official leave approval document to the Australia Awards office prior to departure.
- Awardees are required to return to Maldives for at least two years after completing their scholarship, to contribute to the economic and social development of the country. Failure to do so will incur a debt to the Commonwealth of Australia for the total value of the scholarship.
- Awardees are required to sign a contract with the Commonwealth of Australia declaring they will comply with the conditions of the scholarship.

## Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2025:

Opening date: 1 February 2024

Closing date: 30 April 2024 (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 at <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>.

### Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

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

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Tertiary degree certificates	Degree Certificate	Yes
Academic grades for university qualifications	Academic Transcript	Yes
Passport/National ID	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV)*	Other Document	No
Development Impact and Linkages Plan (DILP) document*	Other Document	No
Certificates of special achievement or merit	Other Document	No
English language test (IELTS Academic, TOEFL or PTE Academic) results certificate valid at <u>1 January 2025</u> (to be submitted by <b>30 June 2024</b> )	Proof of English language proficiency	Yes
Employment Letter*	Other Document	No
<b>COURSEWORK MASTER'S APPLICANTS:</b> One academic referee report and one professional referee report (e.g. a work supervisor with referee's seal)*	Referee Report	No
<b>RESEARCH MASTER'S APPLICANTS:</b> two academic referee reports and one professional referee report (e.g. a work supervisor with referee's seal)*	Referee Report	No
<b>RESEARCH MASTER'S APPLICANTS:</b> a research proposal. This proposal must include a proposed methodology, timeline, and a brief literature review (Guideline available*)	Other Document	No
<b>RESEARCH MASTER'S APPLICANTS:</b> Identify 2 supervisors from each of your nominated institutions and include details with your application	Other Document	No
Any other document you wish to upload ensuring your eligibility	Other Document	No

\*Template/document available at: [www.austrailaawardsmaldives.org](http://www.austrailaawardsmaldives.org)

### Notes:

- Please refer the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook* for certification requirements for documents requiring certification. If a document is not in English, the translated copy must also be certified.
- Referee reports in different formats cannot be accepted and may make applications ineligible. Contact the Australia Awards Sri Lanka & Maldives office to clarify reference requirements.

## 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 Maldives.
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2024.
- Awardee travel is subject to meeting the requirements of the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Home Affairs, 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, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- [dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships](https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships)
- <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/>

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook>

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