



Palestinian Territories

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in the Palestinian Territories

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia. Scholarships are open to Palestinian residents of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem.

Applicants will be assessed on their professional and personnel qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in the Palestinian Territories.

Applications from women and people with disability are strongly encouraged.

The scholarships are aimed at mid-career professionals furthering their career through study.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for the Palestinian Territories that align with the development priorities of the Palestinian Territories are:

- public policy
- agriculture
- water
- health

Australia Awards scholarships in the Palestinian Territories do not support medical degrees.

Level of study

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2022 and are only for Masters Degree level at an Australian tertiary institution.

Australia Awards scholarships to the Palestinian Territories do not include Bachelor or PhD level degrees.

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: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

English language proficiency

Applicant who has been offered a scholarship must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score.

Commencement of study

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

Country-specific conditions

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

For Palestinian Authority employees:

- applicants must have a documented Academic IELTS score of at least 6.5 with no band less than 6.0 when applying to be considered for conditional awards
- priority will be given to candidates who do not already hold a master's degree
- priority will be given to candidates who have not received a scholarship from other scholarship programs
- must be an employee of the Palestinian Authority with at least two years' experience
- must have the support of their Ministry and must return to work in their ministry on completion of the scholarship
- have a bachelor degree
- receive a final endorsement from their ministry.

Non-Palestinian Authority candidates must:

- have a bachelor degree
- have a documented Academic IELTS results with an overall score of at least 6.5 with no band less than 6.0 when applying to be considered for conditional awards
- must return to work in the Palestinian Territories on completion of the scholarship.

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. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The application process

Online applications

Apply online at <http://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

Applicants must apply online and are advised to do so 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.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit with their application, all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

Note: Applicants are required to carefully research study programs and institutions before applying. Once the application is submitted, no change will be allowed.

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

Document type	Certified
Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate/passport if available and photographic identification i.e. student card/driver's licence if passport is not available	Yes
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Master's level)	Yes
Academic transcripts (where they are not in English, please provide a certified English translation)	Yes
Academic referee reports (with seal: two reports for Master's by Research applicants; one for Master's by Coursework applicants)	No
IELTS, TOEFL or PTE results	Yes
Employment referee report with seal (same template as above)	No
Curriculum Vitae	Yes

The selection process

Following eligibility checking, applications will be assessed. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential impact on development outcomes in the Palestinian Territories
- professional and personal leadership attributes.

Short listed applicants only will be contacted for interview.

Preparatory training

You will be required to complete the following preparatory training and/or testing, and to include the results in your application:

- IELTS-International English Language Testing System to assess English Language competence
- All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing.

Outcomes

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by June 2021.

For successful candidates—a conditional award may be offered. A conditional award is an offer of an Australia Awards scholarship pending approval for the candidate of a valid Australian visa and approved enrolment for the candidate at an Australian university.

An award becomes confirmed once a contract is signed by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the candidate at the end of the application process.

Further information

Information about visas and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

- <https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>

More general information about Australia Awards and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- <https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships.aspx>
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

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