

# Singapore

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

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, scholars develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

### Australia Awards in Singapore

Australia Awards scholarships in Singapore are a flagship initiative of the Australia–Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, reflecting our countries' shared commitment to education, leadership, and regional cooperation. Announced alongside the renewal of the Partnership in October 2025, the scholarships recognise Singapore's role as a regional hub while deepening people-to-people links between Australia and Singapore.

Through world-class postgraduate study in Australia, scholars 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 Singapore 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 Singaporeans can apply for postgraduate study in any of the following priority fields of study, as agreed by the governments of Australia and Singapore:

- Climate and energy
- Trade and economics
- International security
- Cyber security
- Artificial Intelligence
- Business
- Public policy
- Public health

The governments of Australia and Singapore will regularly review these areas of study together and adjust as needed.

### Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships will provide citizens of Singapore with the opportunity to obtain a postgraduate qualification at one of Australia's world-class tertiary institutions.

Awards will be offered for commencement in Semester 2 2026 for:

- 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 Singapore.

## Eligibility criteria

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 Singapore must also meet the following conditions:

- answer all relevant questions on the application form
- be a citizen of Singapore
- already hold an undergraduate degree (note: if English was the language of instruction for your undergraduate degree, then IELTS testing result below will not be a requirement).

If English was not the language of instruction for your undergraduate degree, you will require an English language proficiency of:

- i) an Academic IELTS result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0, or
- ii) an internet based TOEFL score of at least 84, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests, or
- iii) a PTE Academic overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50.

No other English language test (including TOEFL prediction test) results will be accepted. English language test result must be current. Valid test results are those obtained from 1 January 2024.

### Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in Semester 2 2026:

Opening date: 16 October 2025

Closing date: 11 January 2026 (11:59PM AEDT)

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered. Applicants are encouraged to prepare early, as applications require significant supporting documentation.

## The application process

### Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through [OASIS](#).

### 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 Singapore:

### All applicants

| Required document                                            | OASIS document type                                     | Certified* |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Birth certificate                                            | Proof of Citizenship                                    | Yes        |
| Passport                                                     | Proof of Citizenship                                    | Yes        |
| Current Curriculum Vitae (template provided)                 | Curriculum Vitae (CV)                                   | No         |
| Professional Referee Report (template provided)              | Referee Report                                          | No         |
| Academic Referee Report (template provided)                  | Referee Report                                          | No         |
| All official degrees, certificates, diplomas and transcripts | Academic Transcript, Degree Certificate, Other Document | Yes        |
| Current original IELTS, TOEFL or PTE result (if applicable)  | Proof of English Language Proficiency                   | Yes        |

### Master's by research and PhD applicants' additional documents

| Required document                                    | OASIS document type | Certified* |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Research proposal                                    | Other documents     | No         |
| Evidence of correspondence with potential supervisor | Other documents     | No         |

\*Must be certified by a notary; or the official records department of the institution that original issued the document/s

### 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 ability to drive positive change in Singapore 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 February 2026.
- Scholar travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the federal 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
- their 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](#).

### Contact details

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