



Timor-Leste

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Timor-Leste

Australia's international development assistance in Timor-Leste helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance stability.

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.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Timor-Leste.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups. Preference will be given to those who have not had an Australian Awards scholarship before. A limited number of scholarships will be available for undergraduate studies.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for undergraduate studies only in Timor-Leste are below. Example fields of study in brackets are not limited to these:

- Economics (examples of areas of study include Economics, Economic Statistics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics or Economic Planning)
- Agriculture (examples include agriculture and forestry specialisations, horticulture, soil science, rural development)
- Education (examples of areas of study include education for special needs, inclusive education, education).

There are No priority areas of study at the postgraduate level.

Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2023 within the following allocations:

- Bachelor Degree
- Master's Degree
- PhD

For Persons with a Disability

Applicants are encouraged from people with a disability and can apply for a scholarship in any field at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Applicants with a disability must meet all academic requirements to be eligible, including English level standards, and may be eligible for additional support to ensure their equal participation.

For more information, applicants applying under the disability's eligibility criteria should refer to the specific brochure or information on the Country-specific conditions.

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
- field work 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

Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded, dependant on any travel restrictions. Should an awardee not be able to commence study in 2023 for reasons unrelated to travel restrictions, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Timor-Leste must also meet the following conditions:

- be usually and currently residing in Timor-Leste, and have lived in Timor-Leste for at least 10 years (cumulative) since 1999, with some exceptions for applicants working for the Government of Timor-Leste (GoTL) in a third country
- if a recipient of a previous scholarship, including GoTL scholarships, have worked in Timor-Leste for a minimum of two years cumulatively
- not have citizenship of any developed country (exceptions may be made in some instances for Timorese citizens holding Portuguese citizenship)
- not currently hold another scholarship with the same benefits
- not have been terminated from a previous Australian Government scholarship.

Applicants employed as civil servants must:

- be endorsed by a senior government official e.g. Director General or National Director,
- before they start their application, check with the human resource department of the Civil Service Commission if they have permission to apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship and,
- if you are a permanent public servant who was previously awarded a Government of Timor-Leste scholarship, check with the relevant scholarship department to ensure they have fulfilled their scholarship conditions and you can apply for an Australia Awards scholarship and,
- if you are not a public servant but previously awarded a Government of Timor-Leste scholarship, provide a confirmation letter from the relevant

government scholarship department that you are authorised to apply to Australia Awards.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2023

Opening date: 1 February 2022

Closing date: 29 April 2022 (11:59PM AEST)

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

Qualification and English language requirements

- Applicants with a disability for Diploma/Advanced Diploma studies only must have:
 - an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS overall score of 5.0, with no band score less than 4.5, and
 - graduated from senior high school with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 7.00 or have graduated from the UNTL CBR diploma 1 with a GPA of at least 2.50.
- Applicants for Bachelor studies must have:
 - an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS overall score of 5.5, with no band score less than 5.0
 - graduated from senior high school with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 7.00 or have graduated from the UNTL CBR Diploma 1 with a GPA of at least 2.50
 - minimum of a GPA 6.50 and work experience in a relevant sector for a minimum of 4 years.
- Masters by coursework or research level applicants must have:
 - an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS score of 6.0, with no more than one band lower score of 5.5 and
 - a recognised undergraduate degree with a GPA of at least 2.75 or minimum of a GPA 2.50 and work experience in a relevant sector for a minimum of 2 years.
- PhD level applicants must have:
 - a GPA of at least 3.00, and
 - an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS score of 6.5 overall, with no band score less than 6.0.

English Language Test

Applicants must either:

- possess a certified copy of their original English language test (IELTS) results obtained after 1 January 2022, or
- undertake an IELTS test organised by Australia Awards Timor-Leste.

The application process

Online applications

Online applications are highly recommended. Apply online at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>.

For assistance in lodging your application, the OASIS User Guide can be found at www.australiaawardstl.org.

Softcopy & hard copy applications

Please obtain a soft copy application form by:

- downloading from the Australia Awards Timor-Leste website at www.australiaawardstl.org or
- Hardcopy application forms can be obtained from WDPTL Office in Dili.

Supporting documents require:

Applicants **must submit** all the relevant supporting documents listed below via OASIS and all documents must be provided in English:

Required documents for Diploma and Undergraduate level	Certified by Relevant Authority
Proof copy of citizenship i.e. BI, Eleitoral or Passport	No
A copy of your birth certificate (RDTL) English version	No
Current Curriculum Vitae. <i>Refer to preferred template on Australia awards website</i>	No
Minimum of current two reference letters in English. (Academic & current employment). (no older than one year) <i>Refer to preferred template on Australia awards website</i>	No
Third year transcript (English Version & copy of original)	No (<i>required to submit certified document if you are invited to interview stage</i>)
Graduate diploma (English Version & copy of original)	No (<i>required to submit certified document if you are invited to interview stage</i>)
If available, IELTS results obtained after 1 Jan 2022 or in accordance with the specific requirements of the preferred university	No
Returning home reintegration plan returning home <i>Refer to preferred template on Australia awards website</i>	No
Required documents for Master by research, coursework, and PhD level	Certified by Relevant Authority
Proof copy of citizenship i.e. BI, Eleitoral or passport	No
A copy of your birth certificate (RDTL)	No

English version	
Current Curriculum Vitae. <i>Refer to preferred template on Australia awards website</i>	No
Minimum of current two reference letters in English (Academic & current employment). (no older than one year) <i>Refer to preferred template on Australia awards website</i>	No
All official university degree certificates and academic transcripts (English Version & copy of original). Note: <i>if no GPA is recorded on the transcripts, please obtain a statement from the university that confirms GPA equivalence</i>	No (<i>required to submit certified document if you are invited to interview stage</i>)
If available, IELTS results obtained after 1 Jan 2022 or in accordance with the specific requirements of the preferred university	No
Returning home reintegration plan returning home <i>Refer to preferred template on Australia awards website</i>	No
Additional required documents for Master by Research & PhD level	Certified by Relevant Authority
Two signed recent academic referee reports for PhD and Master by Research Candidate only <i>Refer to preferred Template on Australia awards website</i>	No
Evidence (letter or email) that the applicant has received in-principal support for their research topic from a potential supervisor (for PhD Candidate)	No
Outline of the proposed research project (up to 1,000 words)	No
Details of proposed fieldwork with indicative timelines	No
Additional required documents for Permanent Public Servant & Previous Government scholarship funder only	Certified by Relevant Authority
Endorsement from your employer (Line Supervisor, Director General or National Director)	No
A confirmation letter from the relevant government scholarship department	No

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking and independent assessment
- Eligible and Compliant candidate will be invited to Preliminary English Language (PELT) test

- Shortlisted applicants without a current IELTS will be required to undertake an IELTS preparation course and test
- Shortlisted candidates will be required to provide a certified copy of their education certificates
- Highly ranked shortlisted applicants who meet the IELTS requirements will be invited for interview.

In the interview, applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Academic competence
- Potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Timor-Leste
- Professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in August 2022.

Applicants must be available on the following indicative dates to:

- Undertake an initial English language assessment in May 2022
- Attend optional English language training for shortlisted applicants with a disability (June 2022)
- If required attend IELTS preparation training in June 2022 (up to 40 hours)
- If necessary short-listed applicants sit the IELTS test in early July 2022
- Attend a half-day briefing and face-to-face interviews late July 2022.

All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing in November 2023.

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.

Successful applicants will be awarded a provisional award, pending acceptance from the preferred university.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Timor-Leste can be found at www.australiaawardstl.org

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, 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

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

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