



Australia Awards

# Vietnam

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Vietnam

Australia's international development assistance in Vietnam 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 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 Vietnam.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups. A support scheme is available to assist equal participation by applicants with disability and from other marginalised groups.

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Vietnam are:

- **Governance and Economic Growth** (economics, competition, international trade, public policy, public administration, public finance management, corporate finance, law to support economic integration, entrepreneurship and innovation)
- **Infrastructure and Transport** (project management and financing, traffic forecasting, transport engineering, social and environmental safeguards, urban transport planning and management, transport master planning, public-private partnership, transport economics, road safety and audit, logistics and supply chain management including maritime logistics management)
- **Water and sanitation** (water management, water engineering, water quality and supply systems,

- water and waste water, water governance, water security, drought management, marine pollution)
- **Education** (educational studies, education management, institutional governance, adult and vocational education management)
- **Gender Equality** (gender and development, women's studies, social work, social policy, women's leadership)
- **Agriculture and Rural Development** (Agricultural-Forestry-Fisheries sciences, agribusiness, agricultural economics, rural development, sustainable tourism management, food safety, aquaculture)
- **Regional Stability and Human Rights** (cyber security, criminology and public governance, international law, international human rights law, maritime sustainability and maritime security), international law of the sea, international relations, political science, international security studies, strategies studies.
- **Disability** (including social work, special education)
- **Climate Change** (including disaster risk reduction)
- **Innovation** (science and technology transfer, and commercialisation)
- **Health** (including vaccinate cooperation, research, health systems strengthening, and degrees that support Vietnam's COVID-19 recovery)
- **Cyber security** (including cybercrime, cyber technology standards, international cyber norms, digital transformation and digital infrastructure)

Studies in other fields (except Master of Business Administration, Information Technology hardware and software, Medicine, Pharmacy, Communication / Media / Journalism) will be considered on the basis of merit.

The governments of Australia and Vietnam 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 [australiaawardsvietnam.org](http://australiaawardsvietnam.org)

Applicants are encouraged to review the Australian Government's Vietnam COVID-19 Development Response Plan, to consider their impact in a post-COVID-19

environment, which can be found at <https://www.dfat.gov.au/publications/development/vietnam-covid-19-development-response-plan>.

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.

Applicants are recommended to use the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) for course selection.

### Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for Masters Degree commencing in 2023 within the following allocations:

- Central, city-level, provincial and district-level agencies, including mass- organisations
- Vocational education and training colleges
- Universities
- Vietnamese / State research institutions
- Vietnamese companies
- Vietnamese NGOs
- International NGOs, UN agencies, embassies

Split courses in International and Development Economics, and Environmental and Resource Economics are available. Further details can be found at [australiaawardsvietnam.org](http://australiaawardsvietnam.org).

### 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. The Program will request *recognition of prior learning* for all Scholarship recipients from Vietnam. If this request is granted, the recipient may be placed in a degree program that may be shorter in duration than for that which they have originally applied.

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*, found at: [dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx](https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

### English language proficiency

An applicant must have achieved an Academic IELTS result with an overall score of at least 6.5 (with no individual band less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score before receiving a final unconditional offer of scholarship.

### Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, applicants from Vietnam must meet each of the following country-specific conditions:

- have completed a formal undergraduate degree
- have at least 24-month full-time relevant work experience in Vietnam as of 30 April 2022 (except disadvantaged applicants – see description below)
- not apply for a second Master degree (except disadvantaged applicants -see description below- and applicants from a small number of central level agencies applying for a different field of study under a pilot). Candidates must declare all previous study undertaken (including its status) irrespective of whether it is complete or incomplete or ongoing or undertaken within Vietnam or another country<sup>1</sup>

Applicants must also meet the following country-specific conditions (please refer to [australiaawardsvietnam.org](http://australiaawardsvietnam.org) for full details).

Group	GPA	IELTS
Provincial and district-level agencies	6.5#	No IELTS requirement at application IELTS 5.0 (no sub-band below 4.5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central agencies</li> <li>• City-level/district-level agencies in Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue and Can Tho</li> <li>• Vocational education and training colleges</li> </ul>	6.5#	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 5.0 (no sub-band below 4.5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provincially based universities</li> <li>• Research institutions</li> <li>• Vietnamese NGOs</li> <li>• Vietnamese companies</li> </ul>	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 5.5 (no sub-band below 5.0)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universities (Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue, Can Tho)</li> <li>• International NGOs, UN agencies, embassies</li> </ul>	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 6.5 (no sub-band below 6.0)

\* IELTS, TOEFL iBT or PTE Academic certificates will be valid if the tests have been on or after 1 January 2021.

# preference will be given to applicants with a higher GPA

<sup>1</sup> Candidates who have commenced but not completed Master level study will be considered on a case by case basis

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### Disadvantaged applicants

Special provisions apply for the following disadvantaged applicants from all indicated – above groups:

- persons with disability
- disadvantaged rural applicants, (for details, refer to [australiaawardsvietnam.org](http://australiaawardsvietnam.org)).

GPA	IELTS	Work Experience
Minimum GPA 6.0	No IELTS requirement at application IELTS 5.0 no sub-band below 4.5)	12-month full-time relevant work experience

### 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.

### The application process

#### Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

#### Supporting documents

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

Applicants must also provide additional documents to meet the specific requirements for Vietnam.

Please refer to [australiaawardsvietnam.org](http://australiaawardsvietnam.org) for a full list of required supporting documents.

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.

### The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking and independent assessment
- 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 Vietnam
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late July-early August 2022
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

### Australia for ASEAN Scholarship

Ten students will be selected for an **Australia for ASEAN Scholarship**, a prestigious enhanced award announced to mark the Australia-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and to advance the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP). This is available at Masters level only.

Selected students will also participate in an Indo-Pacific Emerging Leaders Program, which will provide a range of learning, networking and development opportunities.

The priority areas of study for an Australia for ASEAN Scholarship are the four key areas of the AOIP:

- Maritime
- Connectivity
- Economic
- Sustainable Development Cooperation

Information on priority areas of study is available on the ASEAN website

<https://asean.org/speechandstatement/asean-outlook-on-the-indo-pacific/>

### Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- pre-departure English language training in Vietnam of up to 12 months (depending on your English level), if you do not achieve an Academic IELTS result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0 or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score.
- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

## Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Vietnam can be found at <http://www.australiaawardsvietnam.org>

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

- <https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/australia-awards-scholarships>
- [studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://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](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

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