



Mongolia

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Mongolia

Australia's international development assistance has two priority themes for its aid program to Mongolia:

- Human resource development
- Mining for development

The Australia Awards in Mongolia aims to 'build the human resource and leadership base of Mongolia to empower individuals to contribute to the country's development'.

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 skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

Applicants will be assessed for their professional and personal leadership qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Mongolia.

Applications are encouraged from all women and men; especially those with disability and those living in provinces.

Australia Awards Scholarships: levels of study

Scholarships provide citizens of Mongolia with opportunities to obtain postgraduate qualifications at Australian universities. Scholarships are offered in two categories:

Category 1: Employees in central and local governments; public universities, hospitals and schools and state-owned enterprises. This Category receives 55 per cent of scholarships.

Category 2: Employees in the private sector, civil society and non-government organisations, private health and educational institutions and country-based offices of international organisations in the private sector. This Category receives 45 per cent of scholarships.

Awards will be offered to study Masters by Course Work and Masters by Research in the following priority sectors and fields of study.

Priority Sectors

For 2018, the following four sectors have been agreed: *Governance & Economic Development; Natural Resources & Environment; Health, Education & Social Services and Infrastructure, Science & Information Technology.*

Priority fields of study and specialisations

The following fields of study have been agreed for 2018. In each field, the listed specialist areas reflect particular skills and knowledge priorities in Mongolia.

Fields of Study	Specialised areas within fields
Public Sector Management <i>[Note: This field and specialised courses are for Category 1 applicants only]</i>	Actuarial studies Assets/facilities management Auditing Commercial law Corporate governance Econometrics Economics Employment relations Forensic accounting Human resource management International business/commerce International law International relations International trade Risk management Strategic management
Management, Business & Commerce <i>[Note: This field and specialised courses are for Category 2 applicants only]</i>	Actuarial studies Assets/facilities management Auditing Business informatics Commercial law Corporate governance Economics/econometrics Finance/financial management Forensic accounting International business/commerce International law International trade Labour market economics Political economy



	Risk management Strategic management
Education <i>[This field of study and specialised courses are available to applicants from Categories 1 and 2.]</i>	Educational leadership Educational management Educational psychology Higher education (Specific study area to be identified by the applicant)
Engineering, Mining & Construction <i>[This field of study and specialised courses are available to applicants from Categories 1 and 2.]</i>	Aviation Civil engineering Construction management Electrical engineering Electronic engineering Environmental engineering Energy/resources engineering Infrastructure development Logistics management Materials science Materials engineering Mechanical engineering Mining engineering Occupational health and safety Transport engineering Transport management Technology engineering Urban/regional planning
Environment & Agriculture Studies <i>[This field of study and specialised courses are available to applicants from Categories 1 and 2.]</i>	Agriculture Agribusiness Biotechnology Eco-tourism Environmental education Environmental law Environmental management Forestry management Geology Geographic information science/technology Geophysics Hydrogeology Hydrology Natural resources management Renewable energy Sustainability Rural development Veterinary science
Health <i>[This field of study and specialised courses are available to applicants from both Categories 1 and 2.]</i>	Health management Psychology Public health
Information & Communications Technology <i>[This field of study and specialised courses are available to applicants from both Categories 1 and 2.]</i>	Information management Information technology management Intellectual property law Nanotechnology

Society, Culture & Development Studies <i>[This field of study and specialised courses are available to applicants from Categories 1 and 2.]</i>	Disability studies Gender studies Human rights International development Media and Communications Social work and welfare studies
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Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards Scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for an individual to complete the program offered by an Australian university, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will generally 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 only).

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all general eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at:

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

In addition, candidates must also meet the following country-specific criteria:

- Applicants require a Bachelor's degree from a Mongolian university (with GPA no less than 3.0). Bachelor degrees from other countries must be recognised by Australian universities.
- Applicants working and living in Ulaanbaatar require an IELTS (Academic) overall score of at least 5.5 (or equivalent TOEFL) with no band score less than 5.0, valid at 1 January 2019.
- Applicants working and living in rural areas require an IELTS (Academic) overall score of at least 5.0 (or equivalent TOEFL) with at least Reading and Writing band scores no less than 5.0, valid at 1 January 2019.
- Applicants with identified and verified disabilities require an IELTS (Academic) overall score of at least 5.0 (or equivalent TOEFL) with Reading and Writing band scores no less than 5.0, valid at 1 January 2019.
- Applicants (apart from those with an identified and verified disability) must demonstrate at least two years' continuous employment, up to 1 February 2018

(maternity leave excepted). Category 1 applicants are required to have worked in the public sector for the two-years prior to 1 February 2018.

- Applicants with identified and verified disability do not need to demonstrate two years' continuous employment.

Note: IELTS and TOEFL certificates are valid for two years. Therefore, they must be dated no earlier than 1 January 2017.

Note: Only Academic IELTS scores are accepted for Australia Awards. General IELTS tests will not be accepted.

Note: Only paper-based and internet-based Official TOEFL tests are accepted for Australia Awards. Institutional TOEFL scores are not accepted.

Note: Applicants who have a Master's qualification from a non-Mongolian institution cannot apply for an Australia Award Scholarship in the same field.

Special conditions

Applicants must provide all required information as requested in the application form. False information or not disclosing relevant information in the application could be considered fraud.

Refer to the *Scholarships Policy Handbook*, Section 3.

Application dates

Opening date: 1 February 2018

Closing date: 30 April 2018

Applications or supporting documents received after this date will not be considered.

Application process

Online applications

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

Applicants are required to apply on-line before the closing date. The on-line application facility (OASIS) experiences peak use in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

Hardcopy applications

Applicants from rural or remote areas who do not have internet access must contact the Australia Awards Mongolia office as soon as possible to discuss options to lodge applications. See contact details below.

Supporting documents

Applicants must attach the following required supporting documents to their applications.

Document type	Certified (Notarized)
Birth certificate (<i>copy of original and English language translation</i>)	Yes
National ID	Yes
Tertiary degree certificates (<i>Bachelor and/or Master level; copy of original and English translation</i>)	Yes
Academic transcripts (<i>copy of original and English translation, including GPA</i>)	Yes
Copy of Social Insurance Payment Book or Employment Order or Contract for the period 1 February 2016 - 1 February 2018. Note: Applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document.	Yes
Copy of IELTS or TOEFL certificate	No
Letter from Employer <i>explaining current employment (with stamp and in Mongolian and with English translation)</i> . Note: Applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document	No
Academic Referee Reports (with stamp). <i>Two reports are required for Masters by Research applicants; one for Masters by Coursework applicants. If reports are in Mongolian, English translations are required. The template is generated by OASIS and also available on the Australia Awards Mongolia website</i>	No
Employment Referee Report (with stamp, using the same referee template as above. If in Mongolian, an English translation is required.) Note: Applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document.	No

Curriculum Vitae (in English)	No
Reintegration Plan: <i>Use the template on the Program website. Rural applicants without internet access must contact the Australia Awards Mongolia office.</i>	No

Selection process

Validation checks

Each application is checked against the eligibility criteria, to ensure all required documents are attached, notarized (as required) and valid and that selected courses are within approved fields of study and specialisations.

Technical assessment

Eligible applications are independently assessed, ranked and returned to the Australia Awards - Mongolia office.

Short-listing

Short-listing is managed by a panel of representatives from Australia and Mongolia. They short-list candidates who best meet Government of Mongolia and Government of Australia priorities and demonstrate academic competence, potential leadership attributes and clear, realistic development outcomes for Mongolia.

Interview recommendation

All short-listed applicants are interviewed. A selection panel recommends candidates who best meet the selection criteria and demonstrate realistic ideas to contribute to development in Mongolia.

The number of candidates recommended depends on the quality of candidates and the number of Australia Awards available in Mongolia. The Government of Australia approves candidates to be offered Australia Awards.

Australia Award offer

Before candidates are offered Australia Awards, they must have confirmed places at universities in Australia and meet all visa requirements (including health requirements).

Preparatory training

Awardees must meet English language requirements for acceptance into courses in Australian universities. Awardees selected with an Academic IELTS score of less than 6.5 (or Official TOEFL equivalent) complete an English language training program of up to 26 weeks in Mongolia. This program is compulsory and candidates must be released from work to attend.

Awardees with an Academic IELTS score of at least 6.5 (with no band score less than 6.0) complete an Academic Preparation program in Mongolia before mobilisation.

Awardees must attend a pre-departure briefing before mobilisation.

Outcomes

Applicants will be informed at each stage in the selection process if their application is not proceeding further.

Candidates who are interviewed will be notified of the outcomes as soon as possible after selection processes finish in July 2018.

Further information

Further information about the Australia Awards can be found at:

<http://australiaawards.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

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

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

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

www.australiaawards.gov.au

www.dfat.gov.au

<http://australiaawardsmongolia.org>

<http://cricos.deewr.gov.au/>

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