



# Mongolia

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Mongolia

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 make a positive impact on development challenges in Mongolia.

Applications are strongly encouraged from those living in rural areas, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

### Priority fields of study

The governments of Australia and Mongolia regularly review these fields of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. The following fields of study have been agreed for 2022. In each field, the specialised areas reflect need, and particular skills and knowledge priorities in Mongolia.

Fields of Study	Specialised areas
<b>Agriculture and Environment Studies</b>	Agribusiness Agriculture Biotechnology Eco-tourism Environmental education Environmental law Environmental management Forestry management Geographic information science/ technology Geology geophysics

Fields of Study	Specialised areas
<b>Agriculture and Environment Studies</b> <i>cont.</i>	Hydrogeology Hydrology Natural resources management Renewable energy Sustainability Rural development Veterinary science
<b>Education</b>	Educational leadership Educational management Educational psychology <i>(applicants must contact Australia Awards-Mongolia to understand pre-requisite requirements prior to selecting this study area)</i> Higher education <i>(specific study area to be identified by the applicant)</i>
<b>Engineering, Mining, and Construction</b>	Aviation Civil engineering Construction management Electrical engineering Electronic engineering Environmental engineering Energy/ resources engineering Infrastructure development Logistics management Materials science Materials engineering Mechanical engineering



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<b>Engineering, Mining, and Construction</b> <i>cont.</i>	Mining engineering Occupational health and safety Transport engineering Transport management Technology engineering Urban/ regional planning
<b>Health</b>	Health management Psychology ( <i>applicants must contact Australia Awards-Mongolia to understand pre-requisite requirements prior to selecting this study area</i> ) Public health
<b>Information and Communications Technology</b>	Information management Information technology management Intellectual property law Nanotechnology
<b>Management, Business, and Commerce</b>	Actuarial studies Assets/ facilities management Auditing Business informatics Finance/ financial management Forensic accounting International business/ commerce International law International trade Labour market economics Political economy
<b>Public Sector Management</b>	Commercial law Corporate governance Econometrics Economics Employment relations Human resource management International relations Risk management Strategic management
<b>Society, Culture, and Development Studies</b>	Disability studies Gender studies Human rights International development Media and communications Social work and welfare studies

## Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2022 within the following allocations:

**Category 1:** public sector receives 50 percent of scholarships

**Category 2:** private sector (including civil society or international organisations) receives 50 percent of scholarships

Awards will be offered to study **Master's by Course Work** and **Master's by Research** only.

## 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, and
- 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 at the following website: ***Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook***.

## English language proficiency

Applicants 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 iBT-TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid on 1 January 2022.

## Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded. Should an awardee not be able to commence their study by November in the year of the award, the scholarship will be cancelled.

**Note:** that current COVID-19 international travel conditions, make exact timing of mobilisation to Australia difficult to predict.

## Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, applicants from Mongolia must also meet the following conditions in order to qualify:

- applicants require a full-time bachelor's degree from a university with a GPA of no less than 3.0. If a GPA score is not explicitly stated in the graduation diploma, applicants must obtain relevant GPA certification from their respective universities
- applicants must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 (with no individual band score of less than 5.5) or an equivalent iBT-TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid on 1 January 2022. If selected, provisional awardees will be offered up to six-months of English language training in Mongolia. Provisional awardees who do not achieve IELTS 6.5 or equivalent by the end of the English language training will forfeit their scholarship
- applicants (apart from those with an identified and verified disability) must demonstrate at least two-years' continuous employment, up to 1 February 2021 (maternity leave excepted). Category 1 applicants are required to have worked in the public sector for the two-years prior to 1 February 2021
- applicants with identified and verified disability do not need to demonstrate two-years' continuous employment
- applicants should be aware that Australian and Mongolian classifications of what constitutes a disability are different, and existing medical/ health conditions will not be accepted as a disability – for details please review the **Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook**.

**Note:** Academic IELTS and iBT-TOEFL certificates are valid for two-years. Therefore, they must be dated no earlier than 1 January 2020.

**Note:** only Academic IELTS, iBT-TOEFL and PTE scores are accepted for Australia Awards. General IELTS, TOEFL Test Home Edition and 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.

**Note:** applicants two-years' continuous work requirement should be counted from the date of graduation of bachelor's or master's course and backed up by certified Social Insurance monthly payments. Voluntary Social Insurance payments will not be accepted as verification of employment duration.

## Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2022:

Opening date: 1 February 2021

Closing date: 30 April 2021

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

## The application process

### Online applications

**Apply online at:** [OASIS Applications](#)

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 areas who do not have internet access should contact the Australia Awards-Mongolia office as soon as possible to discuss options to lodge applications. See contact details below.

**Note:** the Australia Awards-Mongolia office will not complete any application under any circumstances.

### Supporting documents

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

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

Required document/s	OASIS document type	Certified Notarised
Birth certificate ( <i>copy of original and English language translation</i> )	Proof of citizenship	Yes
National ID	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Tertiary degree certificates ( <i>Bachelor's and/ or Master's level; copy of original and English translation</i> )	Degree certificate	Yes
Academic transcripts ( <i>copy of original and English translation, including GPA. If GPA score is not explicitly stated in the graduation diploma, applicants must obtain relevant GPA certification from their respective universities</i> )	Academic transcript	Yes
Copy of original Social Insurance Payment Book for the period 1 February 2019 to 1 February 2021 <b>Note:</b> applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document <b>Note:</b> applicants with an exemption from Social	Other documents	Yes

Required document/s	OASIS document type	Certified Notarised
Insurance should contact Australia Awards-Mongolia for instructions		
Copy of Academic IELTS <b>or</b> iBT-TOEFL <b>or</b> PTE certificate	Proof of English language proficiency	No
Letter from Employer explaining current employment <i>(with stamp and in Mongolian and with English translation)</i> <b>Note:</b> applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document	Employer or Nominating Authority Statement	No
Academic Referee Reports <i>(with stamp. Two reports are required for Master's by Research applicants; one for Master's by Coursework applicants. If reports are in Mongolian, English translations are required. The report template is generated by OASIS and is also available on the Australia Awards-Mongolia website)</i>	Referee report	No
Employment Referee Report <i>(with stamp, using the same referee template as above. If in Mongolian, an English translation is required)</i> <b>Note:</b> applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not requires this document	Referee report	No
Curriculum Vitae <i>(in English. Applicants must use the template on the Australia Awards-Mongolia website)</i>	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	No
Reintegration Plan <i>(applicants must use the template on the Australia Awards-Mongolia website)</i>	Other documents	No

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## The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking, independent assessment, and ranking
- 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 Mongolia
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than August 2021, although this may change depending on the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

## Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program, in-Australia
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia, and
- attend up to six-months of English language training in Mongolia for the awardees selected with an Academic IELTS score of less than 6.5 (or Official iBT-TOEFL equivalent), but no less than 6.0, and
- complete an Academic Preparation Program in Mongolia before mobilisation to Australia.

## Further information

Details about Australia Awards-Mongolia can be found by clicking on this [link](#)

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

- [Australia Awards](#)
- [Study in Australia](#)

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#)

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