



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 in developing countries. Through study and research, recipients gain 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 an impact on development challenges in Mongolia.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Mongolia are:

- Agriculture and Environmental Studies
- Education
- Engineering, Mining, and Construction
- Health
- Information and Communications Technology
- Management, Business, and Commerce
- Public Sector Management
- Society, Culture, and Development Studies

The governments of Australia and Mongolia 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: www.australiaawardsmongolia.org.

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 Mongolia with the opportunity to obtain a postgraduate qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2024 within the following allocations:

- Category 1: public sector receives 50 percent of scholarships
- Category 2: private sector (including civil society and 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
- 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*, available at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx



Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Mongolia must also meet the following country-specific conditions:

- 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
- when applying, 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 Academic score. Scores must be valid on 1 January 2024. iBT-TOEFL Home Edition and Institutional TOEFL scores are not accepted. 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 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 in Mongolia, up to 1 February 2023 (maternity leave excepted). Category 1 applicants are required to have worked in the public sector for two years prior to 1 February 2023
- 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: applicants two-years' continuous work requirement should be counted from the date of graduation of full-time 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.

Note: applicants who have obtained a master's qualification funded from Mongolian-bilateral government scholarship schemes cannot apply for an Australia Award Scholarship.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2024:

Opening date: 1 February 2023

Closing date: 1 May 2023 (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 the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

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

Required document	OASIS document type
Birth certificate (<i>copy of original and English language translation</i>)	Proof of citizenship
National ID	Proof of citizenship
Tertiary degree certificates (<i>Bachelor's and/ or Master's level; copy of original and English translation, notarised</i>)	Degree certificate
Academic transcripts (notarised copy of original and English translation, including GPA) <i>If GPA score is not explicitly stated in the graduation diploma, applicants must obtain relevant GPA certification from their respective universities</i>	Academic transcript
Reference of Social Insurance payment for the period 1 February 2021 to 1 February 2023 Note: applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document Note: applicants with an exemption from Social Insurance should contact Australia Awards-Mongolia for instructions	Other documents
Copy of Academic IELTS or iBT-TOEFL or PTE certificate	Proof of English language proficiency
Statement of Employment (<i>with stamp in Mongolian and with English translation</i>) Note: applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document	Employer or Nominating Authority Statement
Academic Referee Reports (<i>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
Employment Referee Report (<i>using the same referee template as above. If in Mongolian, an English translation is required</i>) Note: applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document	Referee report
Curriculum Vitae (<i>applicants must use the template on the Australia Awards-Mongolia website</i>)	Curriculum Vitae (CV)
Reintegration Plan (<i>applicants must use the template on the Australia Awards-Mongolia website</i>)	Other documents

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- 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 or PTE equivalent), but no less than 6.0, and
- complete an Academic Preparation Program in Mongolia before mobilization to Australia
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

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 contribution to development outcomes in Mongolia
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than September 2023
- Awardee travel for mobilization will be subject to meeting the requirements set 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.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards–Mongolia can be found at www.australiaawardsmongolia.org

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

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- 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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