



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.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Vietnam are:

- **Governance and Economic Growth** (economics, competition, international trade, public policy, 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 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** (education management, institutional governance, vocational education management)
- **Gender Equality** (gender and development, women's studies)
- **Agriculture and Rural Development** (Agricultural 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
- **Disability** (including social work, special education)
- **Climate Change** (including disaster risk reduction), Energy (including energy security, energy planning, energy sector reform, renewable energy)
- **Innovation** (science and technology transfer and commercialisation)
- **Health** (including research, health systems strengthening, and degrees that support Vietnam's COVID-19 recovery)

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

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 2022 within the following allocations:

- Central agencies, including mass organisations
- Provincial and district-level agencies, including mass- organisations
- City-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. See australiaawardsvietnam.org for further details.

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

English language proficiency

An applicant 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 TOEFL or PTE score before receiving a final unconditional offer of scholarship.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Vietnam must also meet the following conditions:

- have completed a formal undergraduate degree
- have at least 24-month full-time relevant work experience in Vietnam as at 30 April 2021 (except disadvantaged applicants – see description below)
- not apply for a second Master degree.

Applicants must also meet the following country specific conditions (please refer to australiaawardsvietnam.org for full details).

Group	GPA	IELTS
Provincial and district-level agencies (except Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue, Can Tho)	6.5	No IELTS requirement at application IELTS 5.0 (no sub-band below 4.5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central agencies • City-level agencies in Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue and Can Tho • Vocational education and training colleges 	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 5.0 (no sub-band below 4.5)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincially based universities • Research institutions • Vietnamese NGOs • Vietnamese companies 	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 5.5 (no sub-band below 5.0)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities (Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue, Can Tho) • International NGOs, UN agencies, embassies 	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 2020.

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).

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 2022:

Opening date: **1 February 2021**

Closing date: **30 April 2021 (11:59pm Canberra Time)**

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 at: <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 the additional documents to meet the specific requirements for Vietnam. Please refer to australiaawardsvietnam.org for a full list of required supporting documents.

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 Vietnam and to

promoting relationships between Vietnam and Australia

- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late July-early August 2021.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- pre-departure briefing
- pre-departure English language training in Vietnam of up to 12 months (depending on your English level), if you do not achieve an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score.

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/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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