



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 people with disability, from disadvantaged rural areas and from ethnic minorities. A support scheme is available to assist equal participation for these applicants.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Vietnam are:

- **Governance and Economic Growth** (economics, competition, international trade, public policy, public sector management, public finance management, corporate finance, corporate governance, law to support economic integration, entrepreneurship and innovation)
- **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)
- **Education** (education management, vocational education management, education research)
- **Gender Equality** (gender and development, women's studies)
- **Agriculture and Rural Development** (agribusiness, agricultural economics, rural development, sustainable tourism management, food safety, agriculture technology, accessing international markets, animal, plant and fish health)
- **Maritime Security** (including illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing)
- **Regional Stability and Human Rights** (cyber security, international law, international human rights law)

- **Disability** (including social work, special education)
- **Climate Change** (including disaster risk reduction)

Studies in other fields 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 postgraduate qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Australia Awards will be available in Vietnam for Master degrees commencing in 2020. The awards are for central and provincial agency officials (including mass organisations), staff of NGOs and Vietnamese companies, academics and researchers. Split courses in International and Development Economics, and Environmental and Resource Economics are available. See the FAQs australiaawardsvietnam.org/index.php/en/applicants/applicants-faqs 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,
- field-work 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](http://www.australiaawardsvietnam.org/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, candidates must also meet the following country specific conditions:

- have completed a formal undergraduate degree
- have at least two years' relevant work experience in Vietnam (except disadvantaged applicants – see description below)
- not apply for a second Master degree.

Country-specific conditions

Applicants must also meet the following country specific conditions (please refer to FAQ 4 for full details at [australiaawardsvietnam.org](http://www.australiaawardsvietnam.org)).

Group	GPA	IELTS	Work experience
Provincial agencies (except Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue, Can Tho)	6.5	No IELTS requirement at application IELTS 4.5 (no sub-band below 4.0)	Two years' relevant work experience
Central agencies City-level agencies in Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue, Can Tho Vocational education and training colleges	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 5.0 (no sub-band below 4.5)	Two years' relevant work experience
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)	Two years' relevant work experience
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)	Two years' relevant work experience

Disadvantaged applicants

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

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

GPA	IELTS	Work Experience
Minimum GPA 6.0	IELTS certificate not required at application IELTS 4.5 (no sub-band below 3.5) if submit at application	One year's work experience only

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2020:

Opening date: 1 February 2019

Closing date: 30 April 2019

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

The application process

Online applications

Apply online at: www.australiaawardsvietnam.org

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit with their application all relevant supporting documents listed in the Scholarships Policy Handbook.

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

Document type	Certified
A copy of work contract(s)	Yes
A letter of reference with stamp from current or previous employer	Yes
A summary research proposal (Master by research applicants only)	No

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

The selection process

Following eligibility checking, applications will be shortlisted. The selection process will also include an interview in English for all shortlisted candidates.

Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential contribution to development outcomes in Vietnam and to promoting relationships between Vietnam and Australia
- professional and personal leadership attributes.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late July 2019.

Preparatory training

- All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing.
- You may be required to undertake pre-departure English language training in Vietnam of up to 12 months (depending on your English level), if you do not meet the English language requirements of your chosen course at an Australian university.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards in 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:

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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