

## Australia Awards Scholarships Vietnam

### Useful Scholarship Interview Tips

#### Before the Interview

1. Review all the details about the Australia Awards Scholarship. All information is available on the website. Otherwise, feel free to contact the AAV team by email or by phone.
2. The purpose of the interview is for us to know more about yourself, your work experience, and your personal and career aspirations. It would be helpful to prepare a list of points that you would like to highlight about yourself.
3. Familiarise yourself with your application. We would usually ask you to clarify or expound on some of the things you have written in your application.
4. Do some research on your chosen field of study and your chosen university and prepare some justification as to why you have chosen them.
5. Think about your career goals and how studying in Australia would be useful for you to achieve those goals.
6. Think of how you intend to use the knowledge gained from Australia to make a contribution to your community, organisation or Vietnam as a whole. This is something the interview panel will certainly explore with you.
7. Try to research or think of other possible questions that you think might be asked at the interview. We would normally ask open ended questions that require much more than yes, no or maybe answers. It would be good to prepare and practice responses to such questions. Even if the questions you are asked in the interview are different from the ones you prepared for, the practice will make you more familiar with the technique of answering questions.
8. Finding a friend or colleague to role play an interview with you can also be a helpful way to prepare and practice. You should also consider taking a turn to role play the interviewer so you are familiar with what it feels like to be an interviewer asking questions as well as the interviewee who answers them.

#### During the interview

1. Arrive at the interview venue at least 20 minutes before your schedule. You will need to have your application documents checked by one of our staff members. You will be informed about what documents to bring in the interview invitation letter.
2. We prefer the interview to be as relaxed as possible. Preparation and practice is key. Try to anticipate possible questions at the interview and try to practice your responses.
3. Be direct to the point when responding to questions.
4. When you enter the interview room there will usually be three or four interviewers on the interview panel. The interviewers will sit behind a table. Each interviewer will take turns to ask you questions.
5. If you are presented with a difficult question, take time to understand and don't hesitate to seek clarification. Some difficult questions may be well answered with examples. Hence, it would be helpful to think of some beforehand.
6. When giving examples, it would be good if they are your own. It is always better if you talk about your own personal experience.
7. At the end of the interview, we normally give interviewees an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments. Feel free to say something that may not have been discussed but might add points to your interview.

**Note:** If you have a disability and require adjustments at the interview, we encourage you to inform one of our staff ahead of time.