



Australia Awards

# Vietnam

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Vietnam

Australia's international development assistance in Vietnam promotes a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for Australia and the region.

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders in developing countries. It aims to support partner countries in achieving their development goals through education, knowledge exchange, and building enduring relationships with Australia. It equips emerging leaders with the skills, networks, and experience needed to drive change, contribute to sustainable development, foster international cooperation 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 from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups are encouraged. A support scheme is available to assist equal participation by people with disability and from other marginalised groups.

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Vietnam are listed below noting that examples provided are not limited to the fields available for an Australia Awards Scholarship:

- Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry (i.e. Agricultural economics, Aquacultural/Fisheries, Forestry, Rural Development)
- Digital transformation (i.e. Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data, Information Security, Blockchain Technology, Robotics and Automation)
- Information Technology (i.e. Computer Science, Information Systems Management, Software Engineering, **for applicants with disability only**)
- Education (i.e. Education studies/management, Vocational Education and Training, Special Education, Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM))
- Environment, Climate Change and Energy (i.e. Environment studies including Water Resources, Mineral Resources, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, Infrastructure and Transport, Sustainable/Renewable Energy Solutions and Innovation, Sustainable Tourism)
- Governance and Economic Growth (i.e. Public Policy Administration, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Economics)
- Gender Equality, Disability (i.e. Women and Gender Studies, Disability Services, Social policy and social protection)
- Health (i.e. Health policy and services, Public health, Mental Health)
- Regional stability and Human Rights (i.e. International law, Criminology, Maritime Policy/Security, Law of the Sea), Journalism and media)

Studies in other fields (except Business Administration) will be considered based on 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 <https://australiaawardsvietnam.org/>



Applicants should select courses that align with their experience and qualifications or provide a strong justification for courses that represent a shift in career focus or direction.

Applicants are recommended to use the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) <https://cricos.education.gov.au/> for course selection.

## 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 (coursework/research) for commencement in 2027.

## 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.

If recognition of prior learning is granted, the recipient may be placed in a degree program that is shorter in duration than for which they have originally applied for.

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](#)

### 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 of 30 April 2026 (except disadvantaged applicants – see below)
- not apply for a second master's degree irrespective of whether the first degree has been completed (except disadvantaged applicants applying for a different field of study).

Candidates must declare all previous and ongoing study undertaken, including its status, whether complete, incomplete, or currently in progress and whether undertaken in Vietnam or another country)

Group	GPA	English language requirement
• Public sector	6.5	English language test results optional for application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IELTS Academic 5.0 (no sub-band below 4.5) or</li><li>• TOEFL iBT 43 (no sub-band below 11) or</li><li>• PTE Academic 41 (no sub-band below 30)</li></ul>
• Vietnamese NGOs	7.0	English language test results required for application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IELTS Academic 6.0 (no sub-band below 5.5) or</li><li>• TOEFL iBT 73 (no sub-band below 17) or</li><li>• PTE Academic 51 (no sub-band below 42)</li></ul>
• Private sector		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International NGOs</li> </ul>	7.0	<p>English language test result required for application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IELTS Academic 6.5 (no sub-band below 6.0) or</li> <li>• TOEFL iBT 84 (no sub-band below 21) or</li> <li>• PTE Academic 58 (no sub-band below 50)</li> </ul>
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\* IELTS, TOEFL iBT or PTE Academic certificates will be valid if the tests have been on or after 1 January 2025.

## Disadvantaged applicants

Below provisions apply for the following disadvantaged applicants, including people with disabilities and disadvantaged rural applicants. For details, refer to <https://australiaawardsvietnam.org/>

GPA	English language requirement	Work experience
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## Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2027:

Opening date: 1 February 2026 (09:00 AEDT)

Closing date: 30 April 2026 (14:00 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 OASIS <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 **additional** documents to meet the specific requirements for **Vietnam**. Please refer to <https://australiaawardsvietnam.org/> for a full list of required supporting documents.

Australia Awards Scholarships are administered by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), which has zero tolerance of fraudulent activity or behaviour. DFAT defines fraud as *dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means*. For example, providing false or misleading information or not providing relevant information could be considered as fraud. This may include failing to declare previous study undertaken, irrespective of whether it is **complete** or **incomplete**.

Where fraud is detected, the application will be deemed ineligible, and the applicant will be barred from applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship in future rounds.

## The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- The selection process includes an interview. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.
- Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
  - academic competence
  - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Vietnam.
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in August 2026.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the federal Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

## Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- English Language Training program in Vietnam for up to 12 months (depending on your English level), if the applicant does not achieve an IELTS Academic overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0 or an equivalent TOEFL iBT or PTE Academic score.
- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

## Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership Scholarship

From 2026, additional Australia Awards Scholarships will be available for Vietnam, funded by the Australian Government's Mekong-Australia Partnership. More information about the Mekong-Australia Partnership (MAP) at

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/mekong-australia-partnership>.

The Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership (AA-MAP) are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of leaders from Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Myanmar to undertake Masters level coursework or research in priority fields aligning with MAP's key thematic areas: water security, climate action, gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion (GEDSI), combatting transnational crime and economic resilience and subregional integration.

Scholars will have exclusive access to the Mekong Leaders Network, a dynamic on-award enrichment program that includes activities, events and development opportunities that foster collaboration and enduring connections between AA-MAP scholars across the Mekong subregion.

The application process and online portal for MAP-funded scholarships will be the same as for the Australia Awards Scholarships. Applicants can apply for a MAP-funded scholarship if the choice of study or research falls within one of the key thematic areas outlined above. Applicants can also choose to apply for both an Australian Awards Scholarship and a MAP-funded scholarship in their respective countries.

## Australia Maritime Security Scholarships (AMSS)

The Australian Government also offers the Australia Awards – Australia Maritime Security Scholarships (AMSS) for eligible government employees working in targeted organisations in Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines who are working in maritime security policy. These scholarships support postgraduate study in either the Master of Maritime Policy or the Master of Laws (Law of the Sea) at the University of Wollongong's Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security. Applicants should apply for the AMSS via the **Online Australian Scholarships Information System (OASIS)** and select *Australia Maritime Security Scholarships AMSS* from the drop-down list in the general application menu. There are some differences to requirements for supporting documents and preparatory training from the general Australia Awards process above. Please see further details on AMSS at <https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/australia-awards-maritime-security-scholarships>

## Further information

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/australia-awards-scholarships>
- <https://www.studyaustralia.gov.au/>

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/aus-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.pdf>

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