



Australia Awards Scholarships - Pakistan

2023 Eligibility Checklist

Australia Awards Scholarships 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

It is a precondition of accepting an Australia Awards Scholarship that Australia Awards recipients return to their home country following their Scholarship to take up a position that utilises their study for a minimum period of two years.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be a Pakistani citizen currently residing in Pakistan for at least the past 24 months
- not have applied for or be entitled to permanent residency or citizenship in Australia or New Zealand
- satisfy Australian Government requirements for international student visas for entry to Australia (health, character etc.)
- be able to provide a Police Security Clearance Certificate at the time of visa application
- not hold another scholarship
- not have held a foreign scholarship in the 24 months preceding the application (calculated from the date of arrival back in Pakistan to the closing date for receipt of applications)
- be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course already commenced in Australia (ongoing study programs will not be supported)
- be able to take up the Scholarship in the year for which it is offered
- have outlined a case that is clear about their objectives and motivation to make a contribution to development in Pakistan
- apply for courses that fall within the priority development sectors identified for Pakistan
- satisfy the admission requirements of the Australian tertiary institution and the course to be undertaken
- have an academic background relevant to the proposed study in Australia
- be applying for a Masters degree-level course
- have completed 16 years of education
- not be above 45 years of age at the time of submitting the application form
- have at least five years ¹ of work experience in the field in which they are applying. Internships and volunteer work will not be considered as work experience
- submit a Development Impact Plan (DIP) that clearly articulates how the proposed field of study

¹ People with a disability may apply if they have at least two years of work experience.

could add value to improving the level and standard of service delivery, particularly in the priority development sectors and in promoting pro-poor development

- be able to demonstrate the ability to meet the English Language Proficiency requirements for the Scholarship at the time of application. The accepted English language tests are International English Language Testing System (IELTS)², Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic), undertaken at the candidate's own expense. The requirements are:
 - I. an Academic IELTS result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0
 - a. People with a disability and who meet the eligibility criteria may submit an application with an IELTS score of 6.0 with no band less than 5.0, but if they are selected, they must re-sit an English Language Proficiency test (to be arranged by Australia Awards - Pakistan) and achieve the required score before they can take up their Scholarship.
 - II. an internet based TOEFL score of at least 79, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests
 - III. a PTE Academic overall score of 58, with no communicative skill score less than 50

Special conditions

Applicants must also meet the following conditions:

- applicants must submit applications online on the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at oasis.dfat.gov.au
- applicants for masters degree by research must provide an outline of the research proposal (up to 1000 words) and have in-principle agreement (letter or email) from a research supervisor at their Preferred university in Australia.
- Scholarships will not be available for courses of study in Australia where the applicant has already achieved that qualification and the qualification is deemed to be equivalent to the Australian qualification.

The program will request recognition of prior learning for all scholarship recipients from Pakistan. If this request is granted, the recipient may be placed in a degree program that may be shorter in duration than for the one he or she originally applied.

(Note: Providing falsified documents at any stage of the scholarship cycle will render the applicant ineligible or be grounds for withdrawal of a Scholarship offer.)

Application dates (for study commencing in Australia in 2023)

Opening date: 1 February 2022

Closing date: 29 April 2022

² For information about IELTS test dates in your city, please contact Australian Education Office (AEO) or British Council Pakistan.

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

Applicants can also check their eligibility online by visiting the following webpage:

<https://apps.australiaawardssouthwestasia.org/eligibility-check/pakistan>