



Australia Awards

Pakistan

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Pakistan

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

The Australia Awards program 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 contribute to sustainable development and foster international cooperation.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to exercise leadership and impact on development challenges in eligible countries.

Applications from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups are encouraged.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Pakistan are:

- climate change
- empowerment of women and girls
- agriculture and water security
- infrastructure
- inclusive economic development.

The governments of Australia and Pakistan 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: [Australia Awards Pakistan](#).

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Pakistan with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for masters' level studies commencing 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.

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 Pakistan must also meet the following conditions:

- be a Pakistani citizen currently residing in Pakistan and applying for the scholarship from Pakistan
- not be a citizen of Australia, hold permanent residency in Australia or be applying for a visa to live in Australia permanently
- have completed 16 years of education and five years of relevant work experience in Pakistan
- not be more than 45 years of age at the time of submitting the application
- submit a Development Impact and Linkages Plan, which outlines clear objectives and motivations to contribute to development in Pakistan,
- return to Pakistan at the completion of their study for at least two years.

People with disability who meet the eligibility criteria can apply with an IELTS score of 6.0, with no band lower than 5.0. If selected, they must take another English Language Proficiency test arranged by Australia Awards – Pakistan and achieve the required score before starting the scholarship.

Applicants cannot study in Australia under this program if they have already completed an equivalent qualification.

Australia Awards will seek recognition of prior learning for all scholarship recipients from Pakistan. If approved, recipients may enter a shorter degree program than the one they originally applied for.

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](#).

- Applicants must use their full name exactly as it appears on their passport, including first, middle, and last names.
- Applicants must not use nicknames, shortened versions, or abbreviations of their names.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all the relevant supporting documents listed in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

Applicants must compile documents into single PDFs by document category, name the files appropriately (e.g. "Certificates", "Referee Reports"), and ensure that the scanned documents are in colour, legible, in correct page order and orientation.

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

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Completed Development Impact and Linkages Plan (DILP). Template will be available on the Australia Awards – Pakistan website closer to the application opening date	Other Document	Original
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelor's and Master's level) – both sides of all degrees should be copied	Degree Certificate	Yes

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Academic transcripts (Bachelor's and Master's level) both sides of all transcripts should be copied	Academic Transcript	Yes
Detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV). Template is available on the Australia Awards – Pakistan website	Other Document	Original
IELTS, TOEFL or PTE results valid as at 1 January 2027	Proof of English Language Proficiency	Yes
Academic referee reports (two reports for Master's by Research applicants; one for Master's by Coursework applicants)	Referee report template	Yes
Employment referee report (same template as above)	Referee report template	Yes
No objection certificate for public sector applicants	Other Document	Yes

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 Pakistan
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2026.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Home Affairs and Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- [Australia Awards Scholarships](#)
- [Study in Australia](#)

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

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