



Australia Awards

Bhutan

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Bhutan

Australia's international development assistance in Bhutan promotes a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for Australia and our 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 eligible Bhutanese are:

- Accounting, Finance & Investment
- Actuarial Science
- Agricultural Technology & Food Science (Agricultural Innovation/Technology, Food Science/Security & Technology)
- Business Innovation (Entrepreneurship, Innovation)
- Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning)
- Disability Studies (Disability Practice and Leadership)
- Education (Curriculum, Education Leadership, STEM Education)
- Human Resource Management
- Law / Legal Studies (Administrative Laws, Climate & Environmental Laws, Corporate Laws, Criminal Laws, Financial Laws, International Laws, Laws (Governance & Policy), Trade Laws)
- Property Valuation & Asset Management (Property Development & Investment, Property Valuation, Real Estate Mgt)
- Statistics (Applied Statistics)
- Structural Engineering (Civil & Structural Engineering – Specialisation in Bridge Construction)
- Tourism and Hospitality Management (Event Management, Hospitality, Sustainable Tourism).

The governments of Australia and Bhutan 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://australiaawardsbhutan.org>.



Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2027 within the following allocations:

- Master by coursework
- Master by research.

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 Bhutan must also meet the following conditions:

- Qualification and work experience
 - a four-year bachelor's degree and minimum three years' relevant full-time work experience¹ earned after the bachelor's degree; or
 - a three-year bachelor's degree with at least a year of postgraduate diploma with a minimum of three years' relevant full-time work experience. If applicants do not have a postgraduate diploma, a letter of offer from an Australian university is required for a master's program on offer for study commencing in 2027; and
 - fit the target applicant profile of a field of study advertised for study commencing in 2027; and
 - provide an employer nomination letter from the Human Resource Officer of the parent organisation/agency. In addition, applicants under the purview of the Ministry of Education and Skills Development must also submit a nomination letter from the Department of Workforce Planning and Skills Development.
- English language test score and validity
 - applicants must have achieved an Academic IELTS score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score less than 6.0), or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE Academic score;
 - English language test scores must be valid on 1 January 2027. However, if an institution requires a different test validity timeframe, applicants must meet the institution's requirements.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2027:

Opening date: Sunday 1 February 2026 (14:00 AEST)

Closing date: Thursday 30 April 2026 (11:59PM AEST)

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

¹ The three-year work experience is inclusive of any probation period.

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 also provide the documents listed on the [country webpage](#) to meet the specific requirements for Bhutan. Applicants must compile documents into single PDFs by document category, name the files appropriately (e.g. “Certificates”, “Marksheets”, “Referee Reports”), and ensure that the scanned documents are in colour, legible, in correct page order and orientation.

Where documents are denoted as requiring a specified format, applicants must download the current format available on the [country webpage](#). Documents not complying with the specified format or using a format from a previous application round will not be accepted.

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted regarding the outcome of the shortlisting process.
- The selection process includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience
 - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Bhutan.
- 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 federal 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, if required
- visa and mobilisation briefing
- 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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