



Australia Awards

Philippines

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in the Philippines

Australia's international development assistance in the Philippines helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change 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 the Philippines.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for the Philippines are:

- Trade and Economics
- Infrastructure and Smart Cities
- Digital Economy
- Peace and Development
- Education
- Governance and Public Policy, including civil society and media
- Natural Resource Management, including mining and energy
- Humanitarian and Disaster Risk Management

The governments of Australia and the Philippines 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:
www.australiaawardsphilippines.org

Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in January and June 2020 within the following allocations:

- Open - are for individuals in the public and private sectors who intend to pursue graduate studies in the identified priority areas of study
- Targeted - are for partner government organisations with mandates that support mutual priorities of Australia and the Philippines as reflected in Australia's Aid Investment Plan and the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022.

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*, available at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from the Philippines must also meet the following conditions:

- be residing in the Philippines for at least last 12 months
- have at least two years cumulative work experience
- not hold another scholarship
- be a holder of a master's degree (for PhD applicants)
- for Government employees:
 - be endorsed by the organisation
 - have signed service agreement for continuing employment as mandated by its agency.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in the January 2020 intake

Opening date: 1 February 2019

Closing date: 30 April 2019

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 www.australiaawardsphilippines.org

Re-Entry Action Plan (REAP)

Applicants are required to submit a REAP as part of the application process, and implement these in their workplace or proposed area upon return.

The REAP outlines a project where the newly acquired knowledge and skills will be used to contribute to development in the Philippines.

REAP implementation is closely monitored and evaluated.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit their application together with all the relevant supporting documents listed in the Australia Awards Philippines website, including:

- Affidavit of citizenship, residency and employment
- Certification of the Grade Point Average/General Weighted Average

For applicants from the Philippines Government:

- Certificate of no scholarship obligation
- Letter from the head of the agency endorsing the scholarship application which have passed the agency's scholarship committee
- Certificate of no pending case signed by the Human Resource Manager (or relevant officer)

- Clearance from the Office of the Ombudsman certifying that the applicant has no pending criminal and/or administrative case.

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 the Philippines
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than August 2019.

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

Information about the Australia Awards - Philippines can be found at www.australiaawardsphilippines.org

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

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

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