



Australia Awards

The 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 in developing countries. 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 eligible countries.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for eligible applicants from the Philippines are:

- Agriculture, Marine, and Natural Resource Management
- Climate Change (including Humanitarian Action and Disaster Risk Reduction)
- Cybersecurity and Critical Technology
- Education
- International Relations and National Security
- Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion
- Governance and Public Policy
- Health
- Law and Justice
- Maritime Policy, Maritime Security, and Law of the Sea
- Mining and Energy
- Peace and Development
- Space Science and Technology; and
- Trade and Economics.

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 [Australia Awards Philippines](#).

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 2026 within the following allocations:

- **Open category** – Individuals who intend to pursue studies in the priority areas of study above, and
- **Targeted category** – Applicants nominated by partner Philippine government agencies whose respective mandates support the shared priorities of Australia and the Philippines.

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, and
- fieldwork allowance for research students and Master's 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 above, candidates from the Philippines must:

- Have resided in the Philippines for at least 12 months upon application,
- Have at least two years' cumulative work experience upon application,
- Not hold another scholarship, and
- Be willing to implement a re-entry action plan (REAP) upon return from the scholarship.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2026:

Opening date: 1 February 2025

Closing date: 30 April 2025 (11:59PM 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 at [Australia Awards Philippines](#).

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook* and the following documents to meet the specific requirements for the Philippines:

- REAP: Outlines a project, which applies the knowledge and skills gained from the applicant's Australian education and training towards Philippine development,
- Affidavit of citizenship and residency,
- Certification of Grade Point Average/General Weighted Average; and
- (For targeted category applicants:) Letter from the partner Philippine government agency endorsing the scholarship application and minutes of meeting of the scholarship committee endorsing the nominees.

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; and
 - Professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2025.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government 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, and
- 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 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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