Indonesia

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

**Australia Awards Scholarships in Indonesia**

Australia’s international development assistance in Indonesia works in partnership with the Government of Indonesia to achieve a prosperous, democratic and safe Indonesia partly through the provision of post-graduate scholarships.

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 for Australia Awards Scholarships will be assessed for their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Indonesia.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and people from the following focus areas—Papua, West Papua, NTB, NTT and Aceh.

**Priority fields of study**

The priority areas of study for Indonesia are:

- Sustainable Growth and Economic Management;
- Democracy Justice and Good Governance;
- Investing in People; and
- Safety and Peace.

Together the governments of Australia and Indonesia regularly review these sectors and adjust the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority sectors and related courses can be found at [www.australiaawardsindonesia.org](http://www.australiaawardsindonesia.org)

**Level of study**

**Australia Awards Scholarships**

These scholarships provide citizens of Indonesia with the opportunity to obtain postgraduate qualifications at an Australian tertiary institution.

In the 2014–15 application round, awards will be offered for commencement in 2015–16 with the following allocation:

- Up to 70 per cent of awards overall will be offered to applicants from the Targeted Category (priority Agencies and provinces);
- Up to 30 per cent of awards overall will be offered to applicants from the Non-Targeted Category;
- Up to 30 per cent of awards will be offered to applicants from Geographic Focus Areas;
- 85 percent of awards will be offered at Masters level and up to 15 per cent of all awards will be offered at PhD level; and
- An equal number of awards will be offered to men and women.

**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 generally receive the following:

- In-Indonesia Pre-Course English;
- In-Indonesia stipend;
- Medical examination and x-ray costs;
- 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;
- Reunion airfare; and
- Fieldwork allowance—for research and masters by coursework which has a research component where fieldwork is a compulsory component.
Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:


In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, candidates from Indonesia must also meet the following country specific conditions:

• be applying for courses that fall within the areas of development priority (see “Priority fields of Study” above);
• at the time of application, be not older than 42 years of age;
• have a Grade Point Average of at least 2.9 or 2.75 for applicants from the Australian Government Geographic Focus Areas and for applicants from the Targeted Category;
• for Masters applicants - have an English language proficiency of at least 5.0 in IELTS (or 500 in paper-based TOEFL or 61 in internet based TOEFL), and For PhD applicants - have an English language proficiency of at least 6.0 in IELTS (or 530 in paper-based TOEFL or 71 in internet based TOEFL).
  • The IELTS or TOEFL result must be current (a test result obtained in 2013 or 2014 will be considered current).
  • No other English language test (including TOEFL prediction test) results will be accepted.
  • Contact details of test centre must be provided for verification of TOEFL test results;
• already hold an undergraduate degree, if applying for a Masters;
• already have a Masters, if applying for a Doctorate;
• if applying for a Doctorate, applicants will only be considered who are staff of universities, higher education institutions, research institutes, or else key policy makers and targeted candidates in other agencies associated with Australian Government activities;
• it is highly desirable for Doctorate applicants to have a letter of support from an Australian university for their proposed field of study.

Application dates (for study commencing in Australia in 2015)

Opening date:  1 February 2014
Closing date:  18 July 2014

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

The application process

Hardcopy applications

Applications must be submitted by hardcopy. One (1) set of the application form and all attached documents must be received by July 2014 at the Australian Awards Office.

Application forms can be:
• downloaded from www.australiaawardsindonesia.org; or
• obtained from the Australia Awards Office if you do not have access to the Internet.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit with their application all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Scholarships Policy Handbook. Photocopies of certified documents will not be accepted.

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

• copies of birth certificate or equivalent;
• proof citizenship i.e. KTP or your passport personal information pages;
• current Curriculum Vitae;
• official (certified*) post-secondary and tertiary certificates/degrees;
• official (certified*) post-secondary and tertiary transcripts of results;
• current (original) IELTS or TOEFL English language test results (a test result obtained in 2013 or 2014 will be considered current). The TOEFL prediction test is NOT accepted;
• Masters applicants must also attach certified DIII degree certificate/transcript if using DIV or S1 extension certificate/transcript;
• Doctorate applicants must also attach certified S1 degree certificate/transcript;
• academic reference from S2 supervisor for Doctorate candidates; and
• Doctorate and those Masters applicants whose study will include at least fifty percent research must fill the research proposal details on the application form.

* Must be certified by:
• The official records department of the institution that originally issued the document/s; or
• Notary.

Please refer to Australia Awards Scholarships application form for the complete list of required documents.
The selection process

Following confirmation of eligibility, applications will be shortlisted. The selection process will also include an interview and take into account the principles of merit and equity and will be carried out jointly on behalf of the Australian and Indonesian Governments by an independent team of Indonesian officials and academics working in partnership with Australian academics to evaluate and rank candidates.

The team members will all hold Doctoral degrees obtained in Australia or be Doctoral graduates with long-term experience in the Australian university system.

The process aims to identify candidates most likely to succeed in academic studies in an Australian course who will then make a substantial contribution in Indonesia.

Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Academic competence;
- Potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in your home country; and
- Professional and personal leadership attributes.

The process will be transparent and the eligibility and selection criteria made available to interested parties.

The final list of awardees is subject to scrutiny and endorsement by the Australian and Indonesian Government.

Preparatory training

- Prior to departure to Australia, awardees are required to undertake a pre-departure training course.
- The English for Academic Purposes course consists of up to nine months full-time English language and academic preparation in Indonesia. Awardees must achieve satisfactory results in this course (including IELTS-International English Language Testing System to assess English language competence) in order to be placed in an Australian university.
- All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing.

Outcomes

All applicants will receive notification as to whether they have been successful by December 2014.