Australian Awards for Africa (AAA) Course Guide
What are Australia Awards in Africa (AAA)?

Scholarships provided through the Australia Awards program play an important role in fostering and sustaining friendship and cooperation between Australia and developing countries. These awards are a central part of the Australian Government’s development cooperation program in Africa. By providing people with the knowledge and the skills to promote development in their home country, the program aims to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa while promoting Australia as an active partner in African development.

Monash University has a long and proud history of involvement in the Australian government’s international scholarship program. Since the 1960’s we have welcomed many students from the Asia-Pacific Region, Africa, Middle East, Caribbean and Latin America.

Monash is the largest Australian university and with the most active engagement in Africa

- With a campus in South Africa, Monash University is the only Australian university with a presence in Africa.
- Monash has the largest number of African students within the Australian Group of Eight Universities. We receive more than 300 African students per year.
- We welcome students from many African countries. Most of the students come from Mauritius, Botswana, Kenya, and South Africa.

With the well-established African student networks the transition to the Australian academic and lifestyle will be smoother.
Choose your study option

Coursework or research?

There are three ways to study for a postgraduate degree:
- By coursework
- By research
- By coursework with a research component

Coursework options

Monash offers postgraduate courses following a subject-based program

Research options

While the challenge takes commitment, drive, motivation and talent, the benefits are enormous.

A Monash research-based postgraduate degree will enable you to pursue a passion, working in a supportive environment with like-minded people. And it can open up incredible career opportunities.

Coursework and research

Combined degrees offer you the flexibility to complete part of your course by following a subject-based program, and part of it by completing a research thesis. It will allow you to grow through experiencing two very different methods of higher education.

Monash offers a range of courses suited to the developmental needs of AusAID and its scholarship holders. Check the AusAID website to see your country’s areas of priority.

Education

Masters programs by coursework
- Master in Applied Linguistics for Language Teachers
- Master in Counselling
- Master of Education (Specialisations in: Adult and Work-based Learning, Early childhood, Educational technologies, Gifted education, Leadership, policy and change, Mathematics and science education, Music education, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL))
- Master of Psychology (Counselling)
- Master of Psychology (Educational and Developmental)
- Master in Organisational Leadership
- Master of Teaching (Early Childhood)
- Master of Teaching (Secondary)

Programs by research
- Master of Education (thesis only)
- Master of Education by thesis and coursework

Agriculture

Masters programs by coursework
- Master of Science Preliminary

Programs by research
- Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Science)
- Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science)
- Master of Science by research

Development Studies

Masters programs by coursework
- Master of Counter-Terrorism Studies
- Master of International Crisis Management
- Master of Islamic Studies
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Sustainability (stream includes International Development and Environmental Analysis)

Programs by research
- Master of Arts (Focusing on Development, Gender, Peace and Conflict, or other)
- Master of Arts by research and coursework (Focusing on Development, Gender, Peace and Conflict, or other)
- Master of Social Work by research

Governance

Masters programs by coursework
- Master of Applied Econometrics
- Master of Applied Finance
- Master of Business (Accounting)
- Master of Business (Banking and Finance)

Programs by research
- Master of Laws
- Master of Laws (Commercial Law)
- Master of Laws (Human Rights)
- Master of Laws (Intellectual Property)
- Master of Laws (Juris Doctor)
- Master of Laws (Research)
- Master of Laws (Workplace and Employment Law)
- Master of Public Policy and Management
- Master of Regulatory Studies
- Master of Tourism
- Master of Workplace and Employment Law

Master of Business Economics
- Master of Commercial Law
- Master of Diplomacy and Trade
- Master of European and International Studies
- Master of Human Rights Law
- Master of Intellectual Property Law
- Master of International and Comparative Law
- Master of International Crisis Management
- Master of International Relations
- Master of Laws
- Master of Laws (Commercial Law)
- Master of Laws (Human Rights)
- Master of Laws (Intellectual Property)
- Master of Laws (Juris Doctor)
- Master of Laws (Research)
- Master of Laws (Workplace and Employment Law)
- Master of Public Policy and Management
- Master of Regulatory Studies
- Master of Tourism
- Master of Workplace and Employment Law
Health

Masters programs by coursework
- Master of Bioethics (by coursework)
- Master of Clinical Embryology
- Master of Clinical Midwifery
- Master of Clinical Research Methods
- Master of Health Professional Education
- Master of Health Services Management
- Master of International Health
- Master of Medicine
- Master of Nursing
- Master of Nursing Practice
- Master of Occupational and Environmental Health
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Social Work

Programs by research
- Master of Bioethics (by research)
- Master of Biomedical Science
- Master of Nursing (Research)
- Master of Philosophy
- Master of Reproductive Sciences
- Master of Rural Health (Research)
- Master of Social Work (Research)
- Master of Pharmaceutical Science

Infrastructure

Masters programs by coursework
- Master of Applied Finance
- Master of Applied Information Technology
- Master of Architecture
- Master of Bioresource Engineering
- Master of Business (Banking and Finance)
- Master of Business Information Systems
- Master of Business Information Systems Professional
- Master of Information Technology
- Master of Information Technology Professional
- Master of Public Policy and Management
- Master of Science Preliminary (Focusing on Communications, Energy, Transport)

Programs by research
- Master of Business Systems (Research)
- Master of Engineering Science (Research)
- Master of Information Management and Systems (Research)
- Master of Information Technology (Research)
- Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Business and Economics) (Focusing on Public/Private Partnerships, Project Management).

Natural Resource Management

Masters programs by coursework
- Master of Science Preliminary
- Master of Sustainability (includes stream in Environment and Sustainability and Corporate and Environmental Sustainability Management)

Programs by research
- Master of Engineering Science (Research)
- Master of Environmental Science
- Master of Environmental Science by Research and Coursework
- Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) (Focusing on Natural Resources Management)
- Master of Science (by research)

Water and Sanitation

Masters programs by coursework
- Master of Science Preliminary

Programs by research
- Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) (Focusing on Water and Sanitation)
- Master of Science (by research)
**Master of Diplomacy and Trade**

**Description**
This course aims to contribute to the development of private and public sector managers engaged in international trade, diplomatic staff, workers in international organisations and non-government organisations (NGOs) and other professionals interested in these areas.

**Structure**
The course structure has two main components:
- A set of core subjects in diplomacy and trade
- Six electives

**Subjects**
Students must complete:
- Six core subjects (36 points) as follows:
  - APG5436 Comparative regionalism
  - BTX5130 International law and policy
  - APG5429 Prosperity, poverty and sustainability in a globalised world
  - MGX5730 International trade policy
  - MGX5760 International institutions and organisations
  - MGX9110 Diplomacy and statecraft
- Six graduate level subjects (36 points) subject to course coordinator approval and a maximum of two elective subjects (12 points) from other faculties.

**Admission requirements**
- Applicants must have completed an Australian bachelor degree or equivalent qualification
- A Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 60%, or equivalent Grade Point Average (GPA) as determined by the faculty.

**English requirements for international students**
IELTS 7.0 no band lower than 6.5, or TOEFL 600 with a TWE of 5, or an internet-based TOEFL score of 100 with 24 plus in Writing and no section lower than 20

**Location and Duration**
Caulfield campus, 1.5 years

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**Master of Education (With seven specialisations)**

**Description**
This course is designed to meet the needs of educators, educational administrators, managers, policy makers and others interested or involved in learning and education or working in the wider educational community, who wish to pursue studies at postgraduate level. Students choose from a broad range of subjects and have the option of completing a designated specialisation pathway. Students may also undertake a research thesis or professional project as part of the course.

**Structure**
The course is comprised one of the three options:
- Option 1: six subjects
- Option 2: five subjects plus a professional project (8000 words)
- Option 3: four subjects plus a minor research thesis (16,000 words).

**Specialisations pathways**
Students may choose to enrol in a series of subjects which make up a desired specialisation. The specialisations are:
- Adult and work-based learning
- Early childhood
- Educational technologies
- Gifted education
- Leadership, policy and change
- Mathematics and science education
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)

**Admission requirements**
- Applicants must hold an approved three-year bachelor’s degree in a relevant field with a credit average in the final year; or an approved fourth year of study; or an approved four year bachelor’s degree; or
- have qualifications or experience that the faculty considers to be equivalent to, or a satisfactory substitute for the above.

**English requirements for international students**
IELTS 6.5 no band lower than 6.0, or TOEFL 580 with a TWE of 4.5, or an internet-based TOEFL score of 90 with 22 plus in Writing and no section lower than 20.

**Location and Duration**
Clayton campus, 1.5 years

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**Master of Public Health (With seven specialisations)**

**Description**
The Master of Public Health, offered by the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine provides the full range of quantitative, analytical and communication skills necessary to work in the broad domain of public health. It also provides skills in the quantitative methods of the population-based health sciences and their problem-solving application for primary care provision within Australia and developing countries.

**Structure**
The course comprises of 12 subjects (three core subjects and nine electives), which are variable according to the specialisation.

**Specialisations pathways**
Students may choose to enrol in a series of subjects which make up a desired specialisation. The specialisations are:
- Clinical epidemiology and clinical research
- Disease prevention and health promotion
- Health services management
- International health
- Occupational and environmental health
- General specialisation
- Research specialisation

**Admission requirements**
- Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree in appropriate discipline and relevant professional experience. The department will individually assess applications from students without a degree who have extensive professional experience
- Relevant Work Experience (CV)
- Statement of purpose (250 words) outlying reasons for undertaking course, and areas of interest
- Academic transcripts must be provided before an application can be assessed.

**English requirements for international students**
IELTS 7.0 no band lower than 6.5, or TOEFL 600 with a TWE of 5.0, or an internet-based TOEFL score of 100 with 24 plus in Writing and no section lower than 20.

**Location and Duration**
Alfred Hospital campus, 1.5 years
Master of Public Policy and Management

Description
This course is designed for managers across all levels of the public sector, in Australia and internationally, who wish to improve service delivery and policy outcomes. Participants may work in the public, not-for-profit or private sector agencies involved in policy and service delivery at intergovernmental, national, regional or local government levels. The course aims to develop managers’ practical knowledge and skills to deal with management and policy analysis issues across the spectrum of public sector activities.

Structure
The course structure has two main components:
- a set of core subjects in public policy and management
- six electives.

Subjects
Students must complete:
1. six core subjects (36 points) as follows:
   - MGX5300 Governance
   - MGX5360 Strategic management in the public sector
   - MGX5370 Policy analysis
   - MGX5440 Public sector financial management
   - MGX9230 Public policy
   - MGX9270 Public management
2. two subjects (12 points) from the following list:
   - MGX5261 Human resource management issues
   - MGX5551 Strategic human resource management
   - MGX5610 Work and employment relations in a global context
   - MGX5631 International human resource management
   - MGX5670 Leadership
   - MGX5680 Managerial problem solving and decision making
   - MGX5690 Services and operations management
   - MGX9220 Work and employment relations
   - MGX9600 Managing people and organisations
   - MGX9720 Managing organisational change
   - MGX9761 Strategic management
   - MGX9850 Human resource management
3. four graduate-level subjects (24 points) subject to the following conditions:
   - a maximum of two elective subjects (12 points) may be taken from other faculties.

Admission requirements
- An Australian bachelor degree or equivalent qualification
- two years of relevant full-time (or equivalent) post-degree work experience, and
- a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of 60%, or equivalent Grade Point Average (GPA) as determined by the faculty.

English requirements for international students
IELTS 7.0 no band lower than 6.5, or TOEFL 600 with a TWE of 5.0, or an internet-based TOEFL score of 100 with 24 plus in Writing and no section lower than 20.

Location and Duration
Clayton campus, 1.5 years

Master of Sustainability (With three specialisations)

Description
This interdisciplinary course is designed to meet the needs of graduates from a wide range of backgrounds who wish to enhance their qualifications for careers in environmental sustainability, corporate sustainability management, or sustainable development, encompassing policy and analysis, planning, consulting, education, advocacy and management. It is also designed for those who wish to broaden and deepen their understanding and experience to enable societal, organisational and individual change and responsible action to support sustainability both domestically and internationally.

Specialisations
The three streams of the Master of Sustainability are:
- Environment and Sustainability
- Corporate and Environmental Sustainability Management
- International Development and Environmental Analysis.

Subjects
This course consists of one six-point core subject to be completed by all students, then three or four additional core subjects (six points each) for each of the individual streams, and additional elective subjects to the total value of 72 credit points. This must include a minimum of 24 points taken at level five. Students who meet the criteria can undertake research and/or internship project subjects comprising 12 or 24 points of their degree.

Admission requirements
A bachelors degree with a credit average or a graduate diploma with a credit average.

English requirements for international students
IELTS 6.5 no band lower than 6.0, or TOEFL 580 with a TWE of 4.5 or an internet-based TOEFL score of 90 with 22 plus in Writing and no section lower than 20.

Location and Duration
Clayton campus, 1.5 years
Supporting every step of your study

Before you arrive

Pre-departure package
To help prepare you for your move to Australia (and Monash), we offer a comprehensive pre-departure package. It is full of information that will help you with the transition to life in Melbourne and is available from AusAID offices in your home country once you have accepted the course offer.

Arranging accommodation
Monash Residential Services provide student accommodation advice and assistance on all six of our Australian campuses.

Information about on or off-campus accommodations is available at: www.mrs.monash.edu

Please inform the AusAID office in your home country should you need Monash to arrange short-term temporary accommodation for you to use immediately after your arrival.

Free airport pick-up and transfer
We provide a free airport pick-up service to all new international students. To book the service, advise the AusAID office in your home country of your arrival details and a Monash representative will meet you at the airport upon your arrival and take you to your accommodation.

Australian bank account
Monash will open a bank account on your behalf and deposit your Establishment Allowance. Details of the account will be provided upon arrival and you will immediately have access to the fund.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
Monash will arrange your Overseas Student Health Cover, which will be valid from the day you arrive in Australia to the expiry of your student visa. If you plan to bring your family on a dependant visa to Australia, you must upgrade your single OSHC to family cover for the duration of your student visa (at your own cost).

On arrival

Introductory Academic Program (IAP)
The IAP is designed specifically for AusAID students. It is an intensive five-week, full-time program that helps students prepare for life at Monash University, not only academically, but socially and culturally.

Orientation
Orientation (or O’Week as it is often referred to) is a program of information sessions, tours and events for commencing students designed to help you to get to know Monash University and your campus. The program will introduce you to the services and facilities, provide information about studying at Monash and give you the opportunity to make new friends.

AusAID Student Contact Officer (SCO)
Our Student Contact Officer provides a range of services offered only to AusAID students. The SCO offers advice and assistance for your academic and social wellbeing and also can assist in:

- Managing your AusAID scholarship entitlements such as the fortnightly stipend payment
- Processing your tutorial or editorial supplementary academic support requests
- Booking your reunion, fieldwork or home travel itinerary.

For any queries, please email: AusAID@monash.edu
Your life at Monash

Monash Postgraduate Association (MPA)

The Monash Postgraduate Association is the representative body for all postgraduate students enrolled at the University’s Victorian campuses. More information is available at: www.mpa.monash.edu

Monash Institute of Graduate Research (MIGR)

MIGR provides professional and expert support services for students enrolled in research degree programs, such as:

- Seminars and workshops
- Orientation programs
- Employment and career development
- Library learning support
- Graduate study centre
- Travel grants

More information in: www.mrgs.monash.edu.au

English language or learning support

Learning skills advisers can assist students in improving their academic language and approaches to learning, including academic English, study methods and exam preparation, effective listening and note-taking, problem-solving and critical thinking, reading strategies, essay and thesis writing, writing for research projects, as well as oral communication and presentation.

General student support

Extensive support services are available on each campus. A team of student advisers are allocated within the Health and Wellbeing Hubs to help with academic support, workshops for adjusting to university life and international student support in general.

- Family and Child Care
  www.adm.monash.edu/community-services/family
- Health services
- Counselling
- Financial advice
- Legal aid
- Employment and career development
- Religious services

More information is available at: www.monash.edu/study/international/prepare/student-support.html

Bringing your children

You are welcome to bring your children with you to Australia. As an AusAID recipient you may be eligible for an exemption on your children’s school fees. For full details check with the nearest Australian Diplomatic Mission, or check with the Department of Education and Early Education Development: www.education.vic.gov.au telephone +61 3 9637 2202.

Services for international students with families

If you are an international student with children, there is a Family and Child Care Service where staff can assist with your child care needs and any aspect of child and family welfare.

www.monash.edu/international/support

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