



# Mongolia

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Mongolia

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 make a positive impact on development challenges in Mongolia.

Applications are strongly encouraged from those living in rural areas, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

### Priority fields of study

The priority fields of study for Mongolia are:

- *Governance & Economic Development;*
- *Natural Resources & Environment;*
- *Health, Education & Social Services;* and
- *Infrastructure, Science & Information Technology*

The governments of Australia and Mongolia regularly review these fields of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. The following fields of study have been agreed for 2021. In each field, the listed specialised areas reflect need, and particular skills and knowledge priorities in Mongolia.

<b>Management, Business &amp; Commerce</b>	Actuarial studies Assets/facilities management Auditing Business informatics Finance/financial management Forensic accounting International business/commerce International law International trade Labour market economics Political economy
<b>Education</b>	Educational leadership Educational management Educational psychology Higher education ( <i>Specific study area to be identified by the applicant</i> )
<b>Engineering, Mining &amp; Construction</b>	Aviation Civil engineering Construction management Electrical engineering Electronic engineering Environmental engineering Energy/resources engineering Infrastructure development Logistics management Materials science Materials engineering Mechanical engineering Mining engineering Occupational health and safety Transport engineering Transport management Technology engineering Urban/regional planning
<b>Environment &amp; Agriculture Studies</b>	Agriculture Agribusiness Biotechnology Eco-tourism Environmental education Environmental law

Fields of Study	Specialised areas
<b>Public Sector Management</b>	Commercial law Corporate governance Econometrics Economics Employment relations Human resource management International relations Risk management Strategic management



	Environmental management Forestry management Geology Geographic information science/ technology Geophysics Hydrogeology Hydrology Natural resources management Renewable energy Sustainability Rural development Veterinary science
<b>Health</b>	Health management Psychology Public health
<b>Information &amp; Communications Technology</b>	Information management Information technology management Intellectual property law Nanotechnology
<b>Society, Culture &amp; Development Studies</b>	Disability studies Gender studies Human rights International development Media and Communications Social work and welfare studies

### Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2021 within the following allocations:

**Category 1:** Employees in central and local governments; public universities, hospitals and schools and state-owned enterprises. This Category receives 50 percent of scholarships.

**Category 2:** Employees in the private sector, civil society and non-government organisations, private health and educational institutions and country-based offices of international organisations. This Category receives 50 percent of scholarships.

Awards will be offered to study Masters by Course Work and Masters 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*, available at: [dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx).

### English language proficiency

Applicants must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2021.

### Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded. Should an awardee not be able to commence their study by November in the year of the award, the scholarship will be cancelled.

### Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Mongolia must also meet the following conditions in order to qualify for application:

- Applicants require a Bachelor's degree from a Mongolian university (with GPA no less than 3.0). Bachelor degrees from other countries must be recognised by Australian universities.
- Candidates have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 (with no individual band score of less than 5.5) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score, valid at 1 January 2021, are eligible to apply. If selected, these awardees will be offered up to six months of English language training in Mongolia. Awardees who do not achieve IELTS 6.5 or equivalent by the end of the language training will forfeit their scholarship.
- Applicants (apart from those with an identified and verified disability) must demonstrate at least two years' continuous employment, up to 1 February 2020 (maternity leave excepted). Category 1 applicants are required to have worked in the public sector for the two-years prior to 1 February 2020.
- Applicants with identified and verified disability do not need to demonstrate two years' continuous employment.

**Note:** IELTS and TOEFL certificates are valid for two years. Therefore, they must be dated no earlier than 1 January 2019.

**Note:** Only Academic IELTS scores are accepted for Australia Awards. General IELTS tests will not be accepted.

**Note:** Only internet-based Official TOEFL tests are accepted for Australia Awards. Institutional TOEFL scores are not accepted.

**Note:** Applicants who have a Master's qualification from a non-Mongolian institution cannot apply for an Australia Award Scholarship in the same field.

**Note:** Applicants' two years' continuous work requirement should be counted from the date of graduation of Bachelors or Masters course and backed up by certified Social Insurance monthly payments.

### Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2021:

Opening date: 1 February 2020

Closing date: 30 April 2020

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

### The application process

#### Online applications

**Apply online at:** <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

Applicants are required to apply on-line before the closing date. The on-line application facility (OASIS) experiences peak use in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

#### Hardcopy applications

Applicants from rural areas who do not have internet access must contact the Australia Awards in Mongolia office as soon as possible to discuss options to lodge applications. See contact details below.

#### Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

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

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified Notarized
Birth certificate ( <i>copy of original and English language translation</i> )	Proof of citizenship	Yes
National ID	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Tertiary degree certificates ( <i>Bachelor and/or Master level; copy of original and English translation</i> )	Degree certificate	Yes

Academic transcripts ( <i>copy of original and English translation, including GPA</i> )	Academic transcript	Yes
Copy of Social Insurance Payment Book <b>or</b> Employment Order <b>or</b> Contract for the period 1 February 2018 - 1 February 2020.  <b>Note:</b> Applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document.	Other documents	Yes
Copy of IELTS <b>or</b> TOEFL certificate	Proof of English language proficiency	No
Letter from Employer <i>explaining current employment (with stamp and in Mongolian and with English translation)</i> .  <b>Note:</b> Applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document	Employer or Nominating Authority Statement	No
Academic Referee Reports ( <i>with stamp</i> ). <i>Two reports are required for Masters by Research applicants; one for Masters by Coursework applicants. If reports are in Mongolian, English translations are required. The template is generated by OASIS and also available on the Australia Awards in Mongolia website</i>	Referee report	No
Employment Referee Report ( <i>with stamp, using the same referee template as above. If in Mongolian, an English translation is required.</i> )  <b>Note:</b> Applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document.	Referee report	No
Curriculum Vitae ( <i>in English</i> )	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	No

Reintegration Plan: <i>Use the template on the Program website. Rural applicants without internet access must contact the Australia Awards in Mongolia office.</i>	Other documents	No
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### The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking, independent assessment and ranking.
- 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 Mongolia
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than August 2020.

### 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.

Attend up to six months of English language training program in Mongolia for the awardees selected with an Academic IELTS score of less than 6.5 (or Official TOEFL equivalent) but no less than 6.0.

All successful awardees will be required to complete an Academic Preparation program in Mongolia before mobilisation.

### Further information

Information about the Australia Awards in Mongolia can be found at [www.australiaawardsmongolia.org](http://www.australiaawardsmongolia.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](http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships)
- [studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://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](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

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