



Australia Awards

# Mongolia

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Mongolia

Australia's international development assistance in Mongolia 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

Australia Awards scholarships in Mongolia accept applications from a wide range of fields. However, the key priority areas for eligible are:

- Agriculture, Environment and Related Studies
- Architecture and Building
- Creative Arts
- Education
- Engineering and Related Technologies
- Food, Hospitality and Personal Services
- Health
- Information Technology
- Management and Commerce
- Mixed Field Programmes
- Natural and Physical Sciences
- Society and Culture

The governments of Australia and Mongolia 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.australiaawardsmongolia.org](http://www.australiaawardsmongolia.org).

Applicants are recommended to use the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) for course selection.

### 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 2026 within the following allocations:

- Category 1: public sector receives 50% of scholarships
- Category 2: private sector, including civil society and international organisations, receives 50% of scholarships

Awards will be offered to study a Master by coursework or a Master by research only.

### **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 master 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/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook)

### **Country-specific conditions**

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

- Applicants require a full-time Bachelor's degree from a university with a GPA of no less than 3.0. If a GPA score is not explicitly stated in the graduation diploma, applicants must obtain relevant GPA certification from their respective universities.
- When applying, applicants must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 (with no individual band score of less than 5.5) or an equivalent iBT-TOEFL score. English language test scores must be valid on 1 January 2026. iBT-TOEFL Home Edition and Institutional TOEFL scores are not accepted. If selected, provisional awardees will be offered up to four months of English language training in Mongolia. Provisional awardees who do not achieve IELTS 6.5 by the end of the English language training will forfeit their scholarship.
- Applicants (apart from those with an identified and verified disability) must demonstrate at least two years' continuous employment in Mongolia up to 1 February 2025 (maternity leave excepted). Category 1 applicants are required to have worked in the public sector for two years prior to 1 February 2025.
- Applicants with identified and verified disability do not need to demonstrate two years of continuous employment. Applicants should be aware that Australian and Mongolian classifications of what constitutes a disability are different, and existing medical/health conditions will not be accepted as a disability – for details, please review the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook.

### **Note**

Applicants two-years' continuous work requirement should be counted from the date of graduation of full-time Bachelor's or Master's course and backed up by certified Social Insurance monthly payments. Voluntary Social Insurance payments will not be accepted as verification of employment duration.

Applicants who have obtained a Master's qualification funded from Mongolian-bilateral government scholarship schemes cannot apply for an Australia Award Scholarship.

Applicants who have accepted a Master's qualification funded by Mongolian-bilateral government scholarship schemes during the interview round will no longer be eligible to be considered for an Australia Award scholarship.

## Declaration

Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide answers to all questions in the online application form to ensure completeness of understanding and compliance. Submitting the online application form means applicants declare they have read and are complying with the Scholarships Handbook and that the contents of their application are true and correct.

## 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 through OASIS at <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>.

### Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all 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
Birth certificate ( <i>copy of original and English language translation</i> )	Proof of citizenship	No
National ID	Proof of citizenship	No
Tertiary degree certificates ( <i>bachelor's and/ or master's level; copy of original and English translation, notarised</i> )	Degree certificate	Yes
Academic transcripts ( <i>notarised copy of original and English translation, including GPA</i> ) <i>If GPA score is not explicitly stated in the graduation diploma, applicants must obtain relevant GPA certification from their respective universities</i>	Academic transcript	Yes
Reference of Social Insurance payment for the period 1 February 2023 to 1 February 2025 <b>Note:</b> applicants with a declared and verified disability without an employment history do not require this document <b>Note:</b> applicants with an exemption from Social Insurance should contact Australia Awards-Mongolia for instructions	Other documents	No
Copy of Academic IELTS or iBT-TOEFL certificate	Proof of English language proficiency	No
Statement of Employment ( <i>with a stamp 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>two reports are required for master by research applicants; one for master by coursework applicants. If reports are in Mongolian, English translations are required. The report template is generated by OASIS and is also available on the Australia Awards-Mongolia website</i> )	Referee report	No
Employment Referee Report ( <i>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>applicants must use the template on the Australia Awards-Mongolia website</i> )	Curriculum Vitae (CV)	No
Reintegration Plan ( <i>applicants must use the template on the Australia Awards-Mongolia website</i> )	Other documents	No

## 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 Mongolia.
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2025.
- Awardee travel is subject to meeting the requirements of the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Home Affairs, 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
- 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:

- [dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships](https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships)
- <https://www.studyaustralia.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/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook)

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