



Vietnam

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Vietnam

Australia's international development assistance aims to assist Vietnam to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and become an industrialized country by 2020.

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

Awards are offered on the basis of merit, transparency and equal access. Applications are strongly encouraged from people with disability, from disadvantaged rural areas and from ethnic minorities. A support scheme is available to assist equal participation for these applicants.

Eligible fields of study

The priority areas of study for Vietnam intake 2016 are:

- Economics (international trade, agricultural and development economics)
- Governance and financial management (public administration, public policy, social policy & planning, financial analysis)
- Construction (project management, materials, civil engineering, town planning)
- Environment studies (environmental engineering/management, water and sanitation/natural resources management, climate change)
- Agriculture (crop production and rural development)
- Human resource development/management
- Education (management, TESOL)
- Community and inclusive development (gender, disability, social work, development studies)
- Human rights and transnational crime (human trafficking, drug control, cyber-crime)
- Public health

Level of study

These Scholarships provide citizens of Vietnam with the opportunity to obtain a postgraduate qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Australia Awards will be available in Vietnam for Doctoral and Masters degrees commencing in 2016. The awards are for central and local government officials, staff of Vietnamese NGOs and provincial enterprises, academics (including English language teachers) and researchers.

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:

- 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; or coursework student as required by the course only).



Eligibility criteria

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

- <http://www.dfat.gov.au/Publications/Pages/scholar-handbook.aspx>

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

- have completed a formal undergraduate degree (for Masters applicants) or Masters degree (for PhD applicants)
- have at least two years relevant work experience in Vietnam (except disadvantaged applicants – see description below).
- not apply for a second Masters or PhD degree

Special conditions

Applicants must also meet the following country specific conditions (please refer to FAQ 4 for full details at the following link www.australiaawardsvietnam.org).

#	Applicant Employment Profile	International English Language Testing (IELTS)	Grade Point Average
1	Local Government officials & staff from Vietnamese NGOs and provincial enterprises	IELTS certificate not required at application but encouraged (4.5 minimum at IELTS selection test)	6.5
2	Central agency officials	IELTS certificate not required at application but encouraged (4.5 minimum at IELTS selection test)	7.0
3	Tertiary lecturers or researchers	Valid IELTS certificate from 1 January 2014 required at application (5.5 for PhD, Masters by research and all TESOL applicants; 4.5 for other Masters)	7.0

Disadvantaged applicants

Special provisions apply for the following disadvantaged applicants in Vietnam for all Profiles:

- persons with disability
- disadvantaged rural applicants (Please refer to www.australiaawardsvietnam.org).

Grade Point Average	International English Language Testing (IELTS)	Work Experience
Minimum GPA 6.0	IELTS certificate not required at application	One year's work experience only

Application dates for Vietnam

(for study commencing in Australia in 2016)

Opening date: 1 February 2015

Closing date: 31 March 2015

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

The application process

Apply online at: www.australiaawardsvietnam.org

We strongly advise applicants to apply online well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit with their application all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Scholarships Policy Handbook.

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

Document type	Certified
A copy of work contract(s)	Yes
A letter of reference with stamp from current or previous employer	Yes
A summary research proposal for PhD and Masters by research applicants.	No

Please refer to www.australiaawardsvietnam.org for a full list of required supporting documents.

The selection process

- Following eligibility checking, applications will be shortlisted. The selection process will also include an interview for all those shortlisted. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - Academic competence
 - Potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in Vietnam
 - Professional and personal leadership attributes

Preparatory training

- All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing.
- You may be required to undertake pre-departure English language training in Vietnam of up to 12 months (depending on your English level), if you do not meet the English language requirement of your chosen course at an Australian university.

Outcomes

All applicants will receive notification as to whether they have been successful by the end of July 2015.

Further information

Further information about the Australia Awards can be found at:

<http://aid.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards/Pages/default.aspx>

Information about visas and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

<http://aid.dfat.gov.au/Publications/Pages/scholar-handbook.aspx>

More general information about the Australia Awards and studying in Australia can be found at:

www.australiaawards.gov.au

www.dfat.gov.au

<http://studyinaustralia.gov.au>

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