



Australia Awards

Thailand

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Thailand

Australia Awards Scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of local, national and global leaders. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

In Thailand, Australia Awards Scholarships are funded by the Australian Government's [Mekong-Australia Partnership \(MAP\)](#), which aims to support a resilient and inclusive Mekong subregion that pursues joint solutions to shared and transboundary challenges.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to exercise leadership and impact on development challenges in eligible countries.

Applications from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups are encouraged.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for MAP-funded scholarships include:

- water security
- climate resilience
- combatting transnational crime
- economic resilience and subregional integration
- gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion (GEDSI).

Further information on the breadth of areas of study can be found at the [Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership](#).

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Thailand with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution at Master's level by coursework or research.

Australia Awards benefits

All 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,
- all costs associated with the participation in the on-award enrichment program: the Mekong Leaders Network.

MAP on-award enrichment: Mekong Leaders Network

MAP-funded Australia Awards scholarships offer exclusive access to an on-award enrichment program: the Mekong Leaders Network. This dynamic program offers a series of leadership and networking opportunities with other Mekong scholars.

Eligibility criteria

All Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

Country-specific conditions

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

- be a citizen of Thailand with no dual or additional citizenship
- be a resident in Thailand for 24 months as of 30 April 2026 (that is, the day applications close), other than for short absences related to employment, professional development or holidays
- have at least 24 months of full-time or part-time equivalent work experience as of 30 April 2026
- declare all previous study undertaken, whether complete or incomplete, in Thailand or another country
- provide all required supporting documents listed in Table 1,
- hold a bachelor's degree considered equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree.

Master's by research applicants must provide an unconditional letter of offer from the intended Australian university and two academic referee reports (see the 'Supporting documents' section below).

English Language Test Results

For general applications, English language test results must be obtained after 1 January 2025. The requirements are:

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) academic result with an overall score of at least 6.5 and no band less than 6.0.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) internet-based score of at least 84 with a minimum of 21 in all subtests.
- Pearson Test of English (PTE) academic overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50.

No other English language test results, including TOEFL prediction tests, will be accepted.

For applicants with a disability, applicants from ethnic minority groups or applicants from targeted provinces, English language test results are optional at the application stage. If selected for the interview round, the following results will be required:

- IELTS academic result with an overall score of at least 6.0 and no band less than 5.5
- TOEFL internet-based score of 60 (Reading 8, Listening 7, Speaking 16, Writing 18 or above)
- PTE academic score of 46 with no sub-band below 36.

If your application is shortlisted for the interview round, the MAP Support Unit will arrange and cover the cost of one IELTS test. This is only available for applicants with a disability, applicants from ethnic minority groups or applicants from targeted provinces who do not have a valid IELTS academic result with an overall score of 6.0 and no band less than 5.5.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2027:

Opening date: 1 February 2026 (09:00 AEDT)

Closing date: 30 April 2026 (14:00 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 the [Online Australia Scholarships Information System \(OASIS\)](#).

Applicants must upload all supporting documents to meet the specific eligibility requirements for Thailand listed in Table 1 below. Complete and submit your online application before the closing date. The Online Australia Scholarships Information System (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the deadline, and you may encounter delays.

Supporting documents

Table 1 (below) lists the documents that must be provided to ensure your application is eligible for consideration. The maximum document size (per document) for uploading is 2 MB. Applicants must compile documents into single PDFs by document category, name the files appropriately (e.g. "Certificates", "Referee Reports"), and ensure that the scanned documents are in colour, legible, in correct page order and orientation.

Documents presented in Thai, or any other language, must be translated to English. Applicants can upload the scanned documents on OASIS. These documents do not need to be certified. If the applicants are shortlisted for interviews, they will be required to present the original of the documents to the MAP Support Unit.

Table 1: Supporting documents

Required document	OASIS document type
All official university degree certificate(s), with English translations.	Degree certificate/s
All official university transcripts of results, with English translations for complete and incomplete courses of study.	Academic transcript/s
Evidence of personal identification and date of birth (e.g. passport personal information pages, National ID card, birth certificate).	Proof of citizenship
Evidence or a statement(s) from workplace(s) (either current or previous) confirming positions held and duration of employment, to satisfy the 24-month eligibility requirement.	Employer/ Ministry Statement/s
Curriculum Vitae (Applicants must use this CV template)	CV
Minimum one referee report from professional or academic referees (Applicants must use the referee report template referred to in the promotional brochure and on the Australia Awards MAP website.) Please use the template under the supporting document section of How to Apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship (or Australia Awards MAP website)	Referee Reports
Employer approval to apply for an Australia Award (for Thai government officials only)	Employer/ Ministry

Required document	OASIS document type
<p>Evidence at the time of application of a minimum English language proficiency level of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. an IELTS Academic result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0, or 2. an internet based TOEFL score of at least 84, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests, or 3. PTE Academic overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score of less than 50. <p>For applicants with disability, applicants from ethnic minority groups or applicants from disadvantaged provinces, English language test results are optional for the application. But will be required if you are selected for an interview.</p>	<p>English language test result obtained after 1 January 2025</p>

Master's by Research – Additional Documents

Required document	OASIS document type
<p>Minimum of two academic referee reports.</p> <p>Please use the template under the supporting document section of How to Apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship (or Australia Awards MAP website)</p>	<p>Referee Reports</p>
<p>An <i>Unconditional Letter of Offer</i> from the intended university.</p>	<p>Unconditional letter of offer</p>

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 Thailand and the Mekong subregion,
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Priority will be given to people with a disability, ethnic minority groups and people from targeted provinces.
- Successful applicants will be notified in late 2026. Offers will remain provisional until meeting the following requirements, or the scholarship offer will be withdrawn:
 - the provisional awardee attains the minimum English language requirement for placement, and no less than an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0
 - the provisional awardee is placed at an Australian university,
 - the provisional awardee is issued with the relevant visa by the Australian Department of Home Affairs.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Australian Government Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

English and Academic Preparatory training

Successful applicants must undertake full-time pre-departure training (approximately three weeks in November and December 2026) and a one-day pre-departure briefing before travelling to Australia.

During these training periods, a monthly stipend will be paid to awardees who provide evidence that they have resigned or taken unpaid leave. The stipend is intended to help cover living costs during this period, but it is not designed to replace a salary or fully cover all expenses. Further information is available on request.

Awardees with a disability, from ethnic minority groups or from targeted provinces who have not yet achieved the prescribed English language proficiency levels above must undertake funded full-time English language training (up to six months) to meet the English proficiency requirements.

Awardees must also attend the university's Introductory Academic Program and other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

More general information about the Australia Awards, Mekong-Australia Partnership, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- [Australia Awards Scholarships](#)
- [Study Australia](#)
- [Mekong-Australia Partnership](#)
- [Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership](#)

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

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