

## Benefits of an Australia Awards Short Course

For eligible mid-career professionals who receive a short course the following benefits will generally apply:

- Australian educational experience
- Fully paid tuition fees
- Fully paid economy class travel to and from their home country to the course delivery location(s)
- Fully paid visa expenses
- A contribution to living expenses for the duration of the course
- Fully paid accommodation for the duration of the course
- Fully paid medical insurance for the duration of the course
- Adjustment support for women and people with disabilities, if required
- The opportunity to develop and maintain global links with Australians and other Africans
- The opportunity to join a prestigious alumni network after the short course
- Continued professional development after completing the award.

## Eligible countries

Citizens from the following countries are eligible to apply for Australia Awards Short Course:

- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Ethiopia\*
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Rwanda\*
- Senegal
- Somalia\*
- South Africa
- South Sudan\*
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

\*Only eligible for in-Africa short course.

## Eligibility criteria

Are you interested in applying for an Australia Awards Short Course?

To be considered, you must meet the following requirements:

- Your minimum academic qualification is at least a four year bachelor's degree or equivalent (as indicated in the relevant country's requirements)
- You are a mid-career professional, currently employed in a relevant field and sector
- You meet relevant post-graduate work experience requirements (as indicated in the relevant country's requirements)
- You can demonstrate a clear vision of how the knowledge and skills you will gain, through the short course, will be used to drive policy reform and improve practice in your home country
- Your English proficiency is sufficient to enable full participation in a training course delivered in English
- You meet all the requirements of the Australian Government for the appropriate student visa (subclass 500), for short courses delivered in Australia.

Visit <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/student-500> for more information.

If you meet **all** the criteria above, visit [www.australiaawardsafrica.org](http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org) for a full outline on the country and course-specific requirements, eligibility criteria and the application process.

You can also review our frequently asked questions to learn more about the program.

Visit: <http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/contact/faq/>

**Apply today for your opportunity to receive world-class training and become a leader of development.**



**Australia Awards**



**Make a difference with an  
Australia Awards Short Course**  
Applications are open from  
1 October 2019 to 17 January 2020



Mauritian alumna, Leena Ramtoul, is making a difference in her country's development by tackling high levels of youth unemployment. She achieves this by using the knowledge and skills gained from her short course in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET), at the Chisholm Institute of TAFE in Australia. At the short course, she identified an appropriate TVET model for Mauritius and built her understanding of how the Australian government developed a long-term vision for TVET. She later developed the National Skills Development Program to reduce youth unemployment by supporting youth in building scarce skills. Since its launch, in 2016, 5,629 individuals have undergone training, and over 2,212 have found employment.

## Australia Awards Short Course

An Australia Awards Short Course is a training and professional development opportunity funded by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Short courses are available for professionals in specialised fields from eligible African countries. The short courses strengthen the professional capacity and leadership skills of participants, enabling them to contribute more effectively to development in their home countries.

## Why Australia Awards?

On the global stage, Australian higher education is recognised for its high quality. Australia is home to prestigious, research-led universities, many of which rank among the best in the world. Australia Awards university partners leverage their international research and teaching expertise to design and deliver contemporary and relevant professional training that responds to development needs in Africa.

Short courses form an integral part of Australia's development assistance to Africa. The courses help to build critical skills, knowledge and networks while supporting a range of strategic foreign policy, economic diplomacy and development objectives across key sectors.

Postgraduate training, from an Australian institution, garners international recognition and strengthens the participants' ability to drive change and development in their countries and regions.

## Sectors and courses

Australia Awards Short Courses focus on priority sectors that effectively support Africa's economic growth and long-term development. Previously specialised courses were offered in the following sectors; Extractives, Agriculture, Policy, Environment, Health and Technical Vocational Education & Training. Courses vary from year to year. Australia Awards Short Courses in 2020 will be announced on the website.

Visit [www.australiaawardsafrica.org](http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org) for a full outline on each course.

## Gender equality and social inclusion

Australia Awards has adopted the collective term gender equality and social inclusion to refer to the management of gender equality, disability inclusion and HIV within the program. Social inclusion is about having the resources, opportunities and capabilities to learn, work and engage equitably. It requires the removal of barriers and the enhancement of incentives to increase access to opportunities and the participation of diverse individuals and groups (regardless of gender, economic, geographic, ethnic and other factors).

**Australia Awards seeks to ensure equal participation of women. Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply and will be supported, where applicable, at all stages – including the application, training and alumni stages.**

## Disability inclusion

Eligible people with disabilities, are encouraged to apply for a short course and disclose the nature of their impairment. Having a disability will not disadvantage individuals in the selection process. Applications will be equitably considered, and reasonable accommodation made, to ensure equal participation and access.

**People with disabilities have a fair and equal opportunity to compete for and attend or participate in a short course.**

## Chronic illness

All eligible individuals, including those who are HIV-positive or living with other chronic illnesses, can apply for a short course. Disclosure is encouraged to facilitate the development of a support plan.

**The program promotes equal opportunities for all applicants. All personal information is protected by privacy laws.**