Benefits of an Australia Awards Scholarship

For eligible mid-career professionals, who receive an Australia Awards Scholarship, the following benefits will generally apply:

- Australian educational experience
- Fully paid tuition fees
- Fully paid economy class flight to and from Australia
- Fully paid visa expenses
- Overseas Student Health Cover, for basic medical costs
- A contribution to living expenses
- Adjustment support for women and people with disabilities, if required
- Supplementary academic support if required, to improve a student’s performance
- The opportunity to develop and maintain global links with Australians and other international students
- The opportunity to join a prestigious alumni network after the scholarship.

Eligibility criteria

Are you interested in applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship? To be considered you must meet all 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 postgraduate work experience requirements (as indicated in the relevant country’s eligibility criteria)
- You can demonstrate a clear vision of how the knowledge and skills that you will gain 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. (Applicants from Madagascar and Mozambique may be supported to reach a satisfactory English proficiency level)
- You meet all the requirements of the Australian Government for the appropriate student visa (subclass 500).


If you meet all the criteria above, visit www.australiaawardsafrica.org for a full outline on country-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 a world-class education and become a leader of development.

Eligible countries

Citizens from the following countries are eligible to apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship:

- Botswana
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Zambia

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Applications are open from 1 October to 6 December 2019
Australia Awards Scholarships

Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships offering the next generation of global leaders an opportunity to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia. Australia Awards Scholarships, funded by the Australian Government’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, address the development needs of Australia’s partner countries, as well as strengthening links between people and organisations.

Master’s level scholarships are offered to eligible outstanding professionals from civil society, private and public sectors, who on completion of their studies are expected to return to their home country to drive change and contribute to development.

The postgraduate study opportunity provided by Australia Awards Scholarships, undertaken in Australia, provides high-quality education and training to talented Africans in specified sectors, in which Australia is recognised as having world-class expertise and experience.

Priority sectors include:
- agricultural productivity
- extractives
- public policy.

Additional partner government priority sectors, are also considered. Visit https://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/awards/apply/ to review country-specific sectors. Applicants will select a degree within the relevant sectors.

Why Australia Awards?

On the global stage, Australian universities are recognised for their quality teaching, learning and research programs. Australian universities are leaders in international research and boast modern research infrastructure.

A postgraduate qualification from an Australian institution will provide international recognition and strengthen the ability of scholars to contribute to the development of their professions, country and region. African professionals, inspired to pursue an Australian education, can be assured of a rewarding and high-quality study experience.

For more information on the study opportunities offered in Australia, visit www.studyinaustralia.gov.au.

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. Social inclusion means 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, scholarship and alumni stages.

Disability inclusion

Eligible people with disabilities, are encouraged to apply for a scholarship 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 obtain a scholarship.

Chronic illness

All eligible individuals, including those who are HIV-positive or living with other chronic illnesses, can apply for a scholarship. 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.