## Eligibility

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must meet their country's eligibility requirements. Generally, the following requirements apply:

- Citizen of an eligible African country
- Minimum academic requirement: Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Mid-level to senior-level professional, currently employed in a relevant field
- Meet relevant post-graduate work experience requirements
- Demonstrate a clear vision of how the knowledge gained through the scholarship will be used to improve policy, practice or reform in their home country
- Satisfactory English proficiency to enable full participation in a training course delivered in English
- Satisfy all requirements of the Australian Government for the appropriate student visa (subclass 500).

In addition, employers of public sector applicants will be required to endorse the application.

List of countries eligible for Master's Scholarships:

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

For more information on eligibility criteria and application forms, visit our website: www.australiaawardsafrica.org.

#### Benefits of Australia Awards – Africa

Scholarships form an integral part of Australia's development assistance for Africa and help to build critical skills and knowledge.

The Australia Awards – Africa offers an effective and efficient model to deliver Australia's assistance while supporting a range of strategic foreign policy, economic diplomacy and development objectives across key sectors.

Mid-level professionals who are successfully awarded a Master's Scholarship will receive the following benefits\*:

- Australian educational experience
- Full tuition fees for up to two years
- Economy class flight to and from Australia
- Full package of study and living assistance
- Overseas Student Health Cover for basic medical costs
- Adjustment support for women and persons with a disability, if required
- Supplementary academic support (tutorial assistance) if required, to improve a student's performance for academic success
- Opportunity to develop and maintain links with Australians and other Africans
- Opportunity to join a prestigious Alumni network after the scholarship
- Continued professional development after the scholarship
- Contribution to living expenses.

\*For more information on the costs covered, visit our website's FAQs: http://www.australiaawardsafrica.org/contact/faq.





### Australia Awards – Africa Scholarships

Australia Awards – Africa provides a Masters degree to African middle level to senior level professionals from the public sector, private sector and civil society in eligible countries. The scholarships provide high-quality education and training to talented Africans who, on completion, will be able to return to their home country and make a development contribution.

Scholarships are currently offered for the 2020 intake – see the list of eligible countries.

Focus sectors reflect priority areas identified by partner governments and in which Australia is recognised as having world class expertise and experience.

Current priority sectors include:

- agricultural productivity
- extractives
- public policy

Secondary sectors, depending on each partner government's priorities, are also considered.

# Why choose Australia Awards – Africa?

Australian universities consistently achieve innovative solutions to real-world problems and have attained global recognition. Australia's world-class research and teaching facilities reflect its ongoing pursuit of excellence and inclusivity in higher education. Australia is considered a leader in research and boasts modern research infrastructure along with strong intellectual property laws and regulations.

A postgraduate qualification from an Australian institution will provide international recognition and exponentially strengthen the ability of recipients to contribute to the development of their country and region on completion of their Australia Awards Scholarship.

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

The program is committed to ensuring the equitable participation and inclusion of diverse groups.

"Through my studies in Australia, I gained exposure to better healthcare service practices. I have become an effective and efficient Unit Manager and a better leader. I am grateful to the Australian Awards for empowering me to bring such a significant change in my workplace."

Alumna Patience Adzika Nsatimba, Ghana Master of Public Health

### **Gender Equality**

Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. Australia Awards – Africa seeks to ensure equal participation of women. Applicants will be supported, at all stages of the Award – including the application, on-award and Alumni.

### **Disability Inclusion**

Persons with a disability are strongly encouraged to apply. The program gives people with a disability fair and equal opportunities to compete for and obtain a scholarship.

Persons living with a disability, who are eligible, are encouraged to apply for a scholarship and disclose their disability. Having a disability will not disadvantage individuals in the application or selection process. Applications will be equitably considered and reasonable adjustments made, where possible, to ensure equitable participation by anyone identified as requiring support.

#### Chronic Illnesses

Chronic illness, including HIV status, is not a barrier to eligibility. All eligible individuals, including those who are HIV-positive or living with other chronic illnesses, can apply for a scholarship. Disclosure is encouraged for the purposes of developing a support plan.

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