



# Bangladesh

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Bangladesh

Australia's international development assistance in Bangladesh helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

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

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

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

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Bangladesh are:

Priority areas	Fields of study
Blue economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisheries &amp; aquaculture</li> <li>Marine &amp; maritime studies</li> <li>Maritime domain awareness</li> <li>Seaports &amp; shipping</li> </ul>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health management, leadership, economics</li> <li>Global &amp; public health</li> <li>Nutrition</li> <li>Pharmaceutical science</li> </ul>
Gender Development Environment Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agriculture development</li> <li>Climate change, adaptation &amp; mitigation</li> <li>Disaster management and risk reduction</li> <li>Disability equity and rights</li> <li>Environmental management</li> <li>Emergency &amp; humanitarian response management</li> <li>Gender justice, diversity, and inclusion</li> <li>Skills and development</li> <li>Water resources management</li> </ul>
Trade Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial planning &amp; management</li> <li>International trade &amp; business</li> <li>ICT, innovation &amp; entrepreneurship</li> <li>Small &amp; Medium enterprise</li> <li>Tourism, particularly sustainable tourism</li> </ul>

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Public Policy Economics Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human rights &amp; international relations</li> <li>• Foreign policy</li> <li>• Power, energy &amp; mineral resources</li> <li>• Public policy &amp; management</li> <li>• Public administration</li> <li>• Public finance &amp; economics</li> </ul>
Infrastructure-Science Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer science including artificial intelligence &amp; machine learning)</li> <li>• Data cloud, network and management</li> <li>• Engineering</li> <li>• Information technology</li> <li>• Transport &amp; infrastructure</li> <li>• Robotics</li> </ul>
Security studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Countering terrorism and violent extremism</li> <li>• Cyber awareness &amp; security</li> <li>• Gender peace and security</li> <li>• Maritime security</li> </ul>

The governments of Australia and Bangladesh regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: [www.australiaawardsbangladesh.org](http://www.australiaawardsbangladesh.org)

### Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Bangladesh with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution. Awards will be offered for commencement in 2025 within the following allocations:

- Master's by Coursework,
- Master's by Research.

### 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 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.

### Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: [dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

### Country-specific conditions

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

- Must be from one of the following target groups:
  - **Group A:** Cadre Officials from the Government of Bangladesh, officials of the Bangladesh Bank, and Judicial Services officials
  - **Group B:** Workers from development organisations, particularly non-government organisations, civil society organisations, or community based organisations
  - **Group C:** Entrepreneurs or employees of private sector organisations