



Australia Awards

Vietnam – Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Vietnam

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

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

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Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Vietnam are:

- **Governance and Economic Growth** (economics, competition, international trade, public policy, public administration, public finance management, corporate finance, law to support economic integration, entrepreneurship and innovation)
- **Infrastructure and Transport** (project management and financing, traffic forecasting, transport engineering, social and environmental safeguards, urban transport planning and management, transport master planning, public-private partnership, transport economics, road safety and audit, logistics and supply chain management including maritime logistics management)
- **Water and sanitation** (water management, water engineering, water quality and supply systems, water and waste water, water governance, water security, drought management, marine pollution)
- **Education** (educational studies, education management, institutional governance, adult and vocational education management)
- **Gender Equality** (gender and development, women's studies, social work, social policy, women's leadership)
- **Agriculture and Rural Development** (Agricultural-Forestry-Fisheries sciences, agribusiness, agricultural economics, rural development, sustainable tourism management, food safety, aquaculture)
- **Regional Stability and Human Rights** (cyber security, criminology and public governance, international law, international human rights law, maritime sustainability and maritime security, international law of the sea, international relations, political science, international security studies, strategies studies)
- **Disability** (including social work, special education)
- **Climate Change** (including disaster risk reduction)
- **Innovation** (science and technology transfer, and commercialisation)
- **Health** (including vaccine cooperation, research, health systems strengthening, and degrees that support Vietnam's COVID-19 recovery)
- **Cyber security** (including cybercrime, cyber technology standards, international cyber norms, digital transformation and digital infrastructure)

Studies in other fields (except Master of Business Administration, Information Technology hardware and software, Medicine, Pharmacy, Communication / Media / Journalism) will be considered on the basis of merit.

The governments of Australia and Vietnam 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 australiaawardsvietnam.org

Applicants are encouraged to review the Australian Government's Vietnam COVID-19 Development Response Plan, to consider their impact in a post-COVID-19 environment, which can be found at

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/publications/development/vietnam-covid-19-development-response-plan>.

Applicants should select courses that align with their experience and qualifications or provide a strong justification for courses that represent a shift in career focus or direction.

Applicants are recommended to use the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) for course selection.

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Vietnam with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for Masters Degree commencing in 2023 within the following allocations:

- Central, city-level, provincial and district-level agencies, including mass- organisations
- Vocational education and training colleges
- Universities
- Vietnamese / State research institutions
- Vietnamese companies
- Vietnamese NGOs
- International NGOs, UN agencies, embassies

Split courses in International and Development Economics, and Environmental and Resource Economics are available. Further details can be found at australiaawardsvietnam.org.

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. The Program will request *recognition of prior learning* for all Scholarship recipients from Vietnam. If this request is granted, the recipient may be placed in a degree program that may be shorter in duration than for that which they have originally applied.

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*, found at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

English language proficiency

An applicant must have achieved an Academic IELTS result with an overall score of at least 6.5 (with no individual band less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score before receiving a final unconditional offer of scholarship.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, applicants from Vietnam must meet each of the following country-specific conditions:

- have completed a formal undergraduate degree
- have at least 24-month full-time relevant work experience in Vietnam as of 29 April 2022 (except disadvantaged applicants – see description below)
- not apply for a second Master degree (except disadvantaged applicants – see description below- and applicants from a small number of central level agencies applying for a different field of study under a pilot).

Candidates must declare all previous study undertaken (including its

Australia Awards scholarships information for study commencing in 2023

status) irrespective of whether it is complete or incomplete or ongoing or undertaken within Vietnam or another country¹

Applicants must also meet the following country-specific conditions (please refer to australiaawardsvietnam.org for full details).

Group	GPA	IELTS
Provincial and district-level agencies	6.5#	No IELTS requirement at application IELTS 5.0 (no sub-band below 4.5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central agencies City-level/district-level agencies in Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue and Can Tho Vocational education and training colleges 	6.5#	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 5.0 (no sub-band below 4.5)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincially based universities Research institutions Vietnamese NGOs Vietnamese companies 	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 5.5 (no sub-band below 5.0)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universities (Hanoi, HCM City, Hai Phong, Danang, Hue, Can Tho) International NGOs, UN agencies, embassies 	7.0	Submit IELTS certificate at application IELTS 6.5 (no sub-band below 6.0)

* IELTS, TOEFL IBT or PTE Academic certificates will be valid if the tests have been on or after 1 January 2021.

preference will be given to applicants with a higher GPA

Please refer to australiaawardsvietnam.org for full details).

Disadvantaged applicants

Special provisions apply for the following disadvantaged applicants from all indicated – above groups:

- persons with disability
- disadvantaged rural applicants, (for details, refer to australiaawardsvietnam.org).

GPA	IELTS	Work Experience
Minimum GPA 6.0	No IELTS requirement at application IELTS 5.0 no sub-band below 4.5)	12-month full-time relevant work experience

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2023:

Opening date: 1 February 2022 - Closing date: 29 April 2022 (11:59PM 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 <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

Applicants must also provide additional documents to meet the specific requirements for Vietnam.

Please refer to australiaawardsvietnam.org for a full list of required supporting documents.

Australia Awards Scholarships are administered by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), which has zero tolerance of fraudulent activity or behaviour. DFAT defines fraud as *dishonestly obtaining a benefit, or causing a loss, by deception or other means*. For example, providing false or misleading information or not providing relevant information could be considered as fraud. This may include failing to declare previous study undertaken, irrespective of whether it is **complete** or **incomplete**.

Where fraud is detected, the application will be deemed ineligible and

the applicant will be barred from applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship in future rounds.

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking and independent assessment
- 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 Vietnam
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late July-early August 2022
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

Australia for ASEAN Scholarship

Ten students will be selected for an Australia for ASEAN Scholarship, a prestigious enhanced award announced to mark the Australia-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and to advance the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP). This is available at Masters level only.

Selected students will also participate in an Indo-Pacific Emerging Leaders Program, which will provide a range of learning, networking and development opportunities.

The priority areas of study for an Australia for ASEAN Scholarship are the four key areas of the AOIP:

- Maritime
- Connectivity
- Economic
- Sustainable Development Cooperation

Information on priority areas of study is available on the ASEAN website

<https://asean.org/speechandstatement/asean-outlook-on-the-indo-pacific/>

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- pre-departure English language training in Vietnam of up to 12 months (depending on your English level), if you do not achieve an Academic IELTS result with an overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0 or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score.
- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Vietnam can be found at

<http://www.australiaawardsvietnam.org>

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- <https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/australia-awards-scholarships>
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

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¹ Candidates who have commenced but not completed Master level study will be considered on a case by case basis

14 February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Applications Open for Australia Awards Scholarships

I am pleased to inform you that Australia Awards applications for Intake 2023 open 1 February and close 29 April 2022.

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

Scholarships are available for outstanding Vietnamese candidates for Masters-level study in Australia commencing in 2023. Please note that PhD scholarships are not available.

Successful candidates will study at a university of their choice in Australia in priority areas for Vietnam's development: governance and economic growth, infrastructure and transport, water and sanitation, education, gender equality, agriculture and rural development, regional stability and human rights, disability, climate change, innovation, health and cyber security. The scholarships are for full-time study.

People with disability and from disadvantaged rural areas are strongly encouraged to apply. A support scheme is available to assist equal participation for these applicants. Ten of the 50 scholarships for Intake 2020 Intake were awarded to applicants with disabilities and three from disadvantaged rural areas.

Up to 12 months' intensive English training in Vietnam is provided, if required, to assist awardees achieve the required IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score.

Eligibility criteria and special conditions for applications are summarised in the attached Vietnam country profile. Applicants must apply online. Full details are available at www.australiaawardsvietnam.org.

To promote this scholarship opportunity, I would be grateful if you could distribute the enclosed brochures among your colleagues and place the poster(s) at an appropriate location within your organisation. If your organisation has a website, you might consider uploading information about the scholarship as appropriate.

For further information please email info@australiaawardsvietnam.org, or call (024) 3939 3991.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaye Eldridge', written in a cursive style.

Dr Kaye Eldridge
Program Director
Aus4Skills

✦ Make a difference

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Australia Awards Scholarships will be available for Vietnamese citizens for Master studies at tertiary institutions in Australia commencing in 2023. The awards are for central, provincial and district-level agency officials (including mass organisations), staff of NGOs and Vietnamese companies, academics and researchers.

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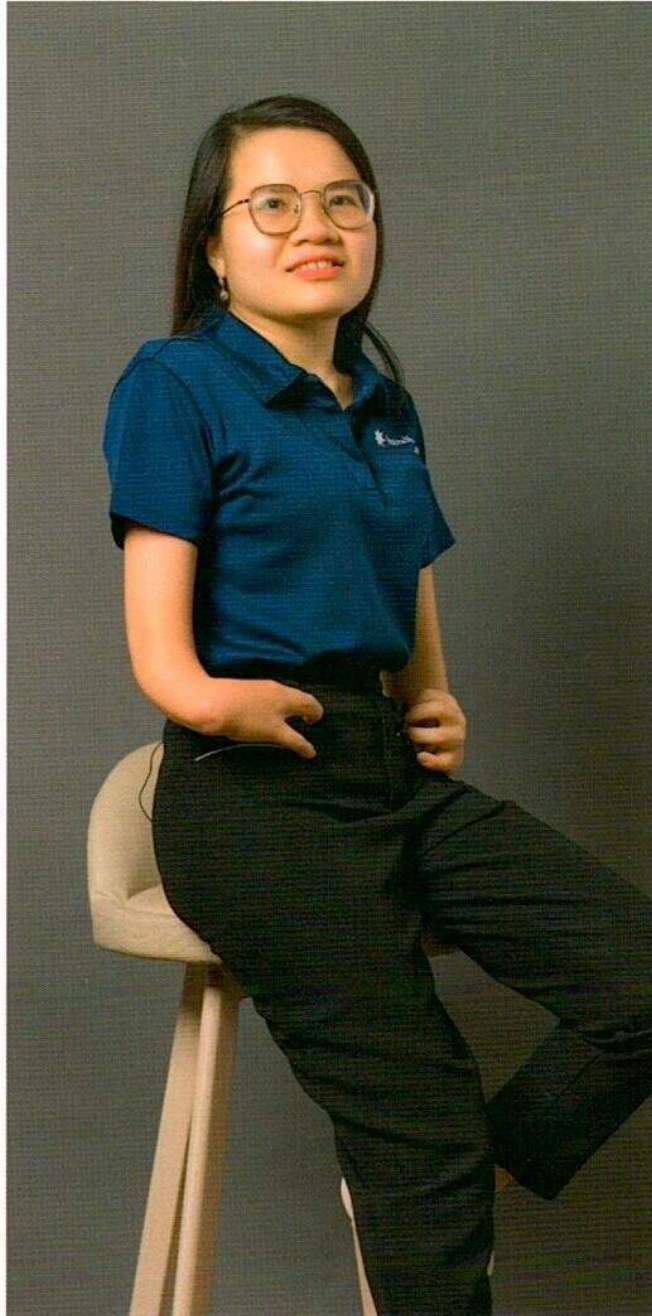


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Nguyen Thi Thanh Thien / Nguyễn Thị Thanh Thiện

- Master of Social Work,
Flinders University
- Consultant for the Gender
Consortium, Flinders University
- Thạc sỹ chuyên ngành Công
tác Xã hội, Đại học Flinders
- Tư vấn cho Khoa Giới, Đại
học Flinders tại Việt Nam

★ “Not only did the Australia Awards
Scholarship provide me with access
to contemporary knowledge of social
work, it also offered me interesting
experiences living in Australia. I hope that
more people with disabilities will have the
same opportunity to study and experience an
inclusive environment in Australia as I did.”

“Học bổng Chính phủ Australia không
những giúp tôi có những kiến thức mới về
ngành công tác xã hội mà còn đem lại cho
tôi những trải nghiệm đầy thú vị khi sinh
sống tại Australia. Tôi mong rằng sẽ có nhiều
người khuyết tật hơn nữa cũng có cơ hội học
tập và trải nghiệm môi trường sống hòa nhập
tại Australia như tôi.”



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Vươn xa hơn cùng Học bổng Chính phủ Australia (AAS)



Diệp Diễm Thảo

*Học bổng Chính phủ Australia 2020
Đại học RMIT*





Nguyễn Văn Thái / Nguyen Van Thai

- Thạc sĩ Khoa học (Khoa học Môi trường), Đại học Quốc gia Australia
- Nhà sáng lập và Giám đốc Trung tâm Bảo tồn Động vật Hoang dã Việt Nam (SVW)
- Người nhận Giải thưởng Môi trường Goldman 2021
- Master of Science (Environmental Science), Australian National University
- Founder and Director of Save Vietnam's Wildlife (SVW)
- Winner of the 2021 Goldman Environmental Prize

★ “Các trường đại học Australia luôn trân trọng sự bình đẳng, đề cao sự đa dạng văn hóa của sinh viên, và đảm bảo mọi người đều được thụ hưởng một nền giáo dục xuất sắc, thúc đẩy tiềm năng của mình. Từ khi trở về Việt Nam, tôi đã áp dụng những kiến thức và kỹ năng tiếp thu được từ quá trình học tập tại Australia vào công việc. Tôi rất vinh dự là người Việt Nam đầu tiên được trao Giải thưởng Môi trường Goldman danh giá vì những đóng góp cho công tác bảo tồn động vật hoang dã nói chung và loài tê tê nói riêng tại Việt Nam.”

“Australian universities value equality, embrace the cultural diversity of their students, and ensure that everyone enjoys an excellent education that fosters their potential. Since returning to Vietnam, I have applied the knowledge and skills gained from my studies in Australia to my work. I was honored to be the first Vietnamese to be awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for my contributions to wildlife conservation, particularly for pangolin species in Vietnam”



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Reach further with an Australia Awards Scholarship



Truong Hong Quang

*Australia Awards Scholarships 2020
RMIT University*

