



Australia Awards

# Cambodia

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

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Australia's development assistance program in Cambodia aims to contribute to greater prosperity and to reduce poverty. As outlined in the Australian Government's 2015-18 Aid Investment Plan for Cambodia, our development assistance will prioritise three key objectives: (i) improving access to infrastructure; (ii) increasing agricultural productivity and farmer incomes; and (iii) promoting better health and education outcomes. Australia Awards Scholarships fall under objective (iii). Through Australia Awards Scholarships, we are providing education opportunities to talented Cambodians at the postgraduate level to contribute to Cambodia's human resource development.

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

Applicants will be assessed for their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Cambodia.

Australia Awards Scholarships are open to applicants from the Royal Government of Cambodia, public sector agencies, non-government organisations, civil society organisations and the private sector.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women; people with disability; people working in the area of disability; and people working predominantly in the provinces. A support scheme is available to assist equal participation for these applicants.

### Fields of study

In recognition of the genuine development challenges across all sectors in Cambodia, applicants from **all fields of study** are encouraged to apply. Applicants should select courses that align with their experiences and qualifications.

Scholarships are not available for general management degrees, such as a Master of Business Administration.

Candidates are advised to check the Australia Awards Cambodia website for further information:  
[www.australiaawardscambodia.org](http://www.australiaawardscambodia.org).

### Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships are long-term awards providing Cambodians with the opportunity to obtain postgraduate qualifications at a Masters level (by coursework only) and in exceptional cases PhD level at an Australian tertiary institution.

### 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 generally 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 only).



## Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>

In addition to these global eligibility requirements, candidates from Cambodia must meet the following country specific conditions:

- be a citizen of Cambodia (only).
- be a resident of Cambodia for a period of 24 months immediately prior to 1 February 2017 (i.e. the day applications open) other than for short absences related to employment, professional development or holidays.
- already hold a Bachelor degree, if applying for a Masters; or already hold a Masters, if applying for a PhD.
- **Masters level applicants** must have an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS score of 5.5 overall with no sub-band less than 5.0 (or TOEFL equivalent)
  - i) for the purpose of this application, IELTS (or TOEFL) test results must have been obtained after 1 January 2016
  - ii) applicants without a current IELTS (or TOEFL) test result may be invited to take an IELTS test after applications have been submitted.
- **PhD level applicants** must have an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS score of 6.5 overall with no sub-band less than 6.0 (or TOEFL equivalent)
  - i) for the purpose of this application, an IELTS (or TOEFL) test result must have been obtained after 30 April 2016.
- have at least 24 months full-time (equivalent) work experience.

In the case of applicants applying for a Masters scholarship, preference will be given to applicants who do not already have a Masters degree from another country (other than Cambodia).

## Application dates (for study commencing in Australia in 2018)

Opening date: 1 February 2017

Closing date: 30 April 2017

Applications or supporting documents received after this date will not be considered.

## The application process

### Online applications

Apply online at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

When applying online, all supporting documents must be uploaded to meet the specific eligibility requirements for Cambodia.

We strongly advise applicants to apply online, well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

### Hardcopy applications

Application forms can be downloaded at: [www.australiaawardscambodia.org](http://www.australiaawardscambodia.org).

Hardcopy applications can be collected from these Australian Centre for Education (ACE) campuses:

#### Phnom Penh

- Samdech Pan- No. 46, Street 214, Sangkat Boeung Raing, Khan Daun Penh
- Santhor Mok- No. 657, Kampuchea Krom Blvd, Sangkat Teuk Laark 1, Khan Toul Kork
- Tuol Tom Pong - No167, Corner St.163 and St. 480, Sangkat Phsar Deumthkov, Khan Chamkarmon

#### Siem Reap

- No. 0896, High School Road, Wat Bo Village, Sala Kamreuk Commune.

Completed hardcopy applications must be hand delivered/mailed to the Australian Embassy, No 16B National Assembly St. Phnom Penh, and received by the closing date.

## Supporting documents

Table 1 (below) lists the documents that **must** be provided.

Document	Document type
All official university degree certificate(s), with English translations.	Degree certificate/s
All official university transcripts of results, with English translations.	Academic transcript/s
Evidence of personal identification and date of birth (e.g. passport personal information pages, National ID card, birth certificate).	Proof of citizenship
Evidence or a statement(s) from workplace(s) (either current or previous) confirming positions held and duration of employment, to satisfy the 24-month eligibility requirement. This statement must be dated and signed by employer(s).	Employer/Ministry Statement/s
Curriculum Vitae (Applicants <b>must</b> use the CV template referred to in the promotional brochure and on Australia Awards Cambodia website).	CV or Resume
PhD applicants only - referee reports (referee report template is available on Australia Awards Cambodia website).	Referee Report
PhD applicants must provide an <i>Unconditional Letter of Offer</i> from the intended university or must provide evidence of extensive correspondence with the proposed supervisor or faculty, demonstrating serious progress on thesis development over a period of time and in-principle support for the proposed research topic.	Other document
PhD applicants must provide evidence at the time of application of an IELTS of 6.5 (or equivalent) with no band less than 6 (a test result must have been obtained after 30 April 2016).	Other document

Documents do not have to be certified at the time of application. However, **if supporting documents are not provided, the application is incomplete and will be deemed ineligible.**

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 includes failing to declare previous study undertaken, irrespective of whether it is complete or incomplete or undertaken within Cambodia or another country.

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

Following confirmation of eligibility, applications will be shortlisted. The selection process will include an interview and take into account the principles of merit and equity. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Academic competence
- Potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in Cambodia
- Professional and personal leadership attributes.

### Preparatory training

- Prior to departure to Australia, awardees are required to undertake a pre-departure training course.
- Masters awardees yet to attain an IELTS score of 6.5 overall with no sub-band less than 6.0 (or TOEFL equivalent) must undertake up to 12 months of pre-departure English language training.
- Awardees are not permitted to undertake employment during the pre-departure training, or any pre-departure English language training. However, short absences from the Program may be considered on a case by case basis.
- During the pre-departure training period, a monthly stipend is paid: \$200 per month for Phnom Penh based awardees and \$240 per month for those based outside of Phnom Penh.
- Applicants should carefully consider the financial implications of the compulsory pre-departure training and the stipend payable when applying for a scholarship.

## Outcomes

Applicants will be informed at each stage in the selection process if their application is not proceeding further.

Applicants who are interviewed will be notified of the outcomes as soon as possible after the selection process concludes in July-August 2017.

***Please note that Australia Awards Scholarships are provisional until the following requirements are met:***

- applicant attains the minimum English language proficiency of an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no sub-band less than 6.0 (or TOEFL equivalent), irrespective of any lesser English language requirements of their chosen university. A failure to achieve the required IELTS score after 12 months of pre-departure English language training will result in the applicant's provisional Australia Awards Scholarship being withdrawn, and they will not be permitted to progress to undertake their scholarship in Australia;
- applicant is placed at an Australian university; and
- applicant is issued with the relevant visa by the Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection.

## Further information

Further information about the Australia Awards can be found at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards.aspx>

Information about visa and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>

More general information about the Australia Awards and studying in Australia can be found at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards.aspx>

<http://dfat.gov.au/pages/default.aspx>

<http://studyinaustralia.gov.au>

[www.australiaawardscambodia.org](http://www.australiaawardscambodia.org)

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