



Australia Awards

Timor-Leste

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Timor-Leste

Australia's international development assistance in Timor-Leste contributes to the shared goal of a prosperous and secure nation, including by supporting the people of Timor-Leste to overcome poverty and achieve sustainable economic growth.

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, 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 Timor-Leste.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Undergraduate in Timor-Leste are those contributing to:

- Economics and finance (examples of areas of study include economics, statistics, macroeconomics, microeconomics, trade and commerce, business, accounting)
- Agriculture (examples include agriculture, forestry, horticulture, soil science, rural development, agroforestry, marine science, fisheries, biosecurity, climate change, humanitarian and disaster risk reduction, water management)
- Education (examples of areas of study include education for special needs, disability inclusion, education, TESOL, early childhood, vocational education and training).

There are no priority areas of study at the postgraduate level. However, applicants must demonstrate the relevancy of their study area for Timor-Leste's development, including for economic growth and diversification.

The governments of Australia and Timor-Leste 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: australiaawardstl.org

Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2024 intake within the following allocations:

- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- PhD

For Persons with a Disability

Applicants are encouraged from people with a disability who can apply for a scholarship in any field at either diploma, undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Applicants with a disability must meet all academic requirements to be eligible, including English level standards, and may be eligible for additional support to ensure their equal participation.

For more information, applicants applying under the disability's eligibility criteria should refer to the specific brochure or information on the Country-specific conditions.

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

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Timor-Leste must also meet the following conditions:

- be usually and currently residing in Timor-Leste, and have lived in Timor-Leste for at least 10 years (cumulative) since 1999, with some exceptions for applicants working for the Government of Timor-Leste (GoTL) in a third country
- if a recipient of a previous scholarship, including GoTL scholarships, have worked in Timor-Leste for a minimum of two years cumulatively
- not have citizenship of any developed country (exceptions may be made in some instances for Timorese citizens holding Portuguese citizenship)
- not currently holding another scholarship with the same benefits
- not have been terminated from a previous Australian Government scholarship.

Applicants employed as civil servants must:

- be endorsed by a senior government official e.g. Director General or National Director
- before they start their application, check with the human resource department of the Civil Service Commission if they have permission to apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship
- if you are a permanent public servant who was previously awarded a Government of Timor-Leste scholarship, check with the relevant scholarship department to ensure you have fulfilled their scholarship conditions and you can apply for an Australia Awards scholarship and
- if you are not a public servant but previously awarded a Government of Timor-Leste scholarship, provide a confirmation letter from the relevant government scholarship department that you are authorised to apply to Australia Awards.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2024:

Opening date: 1 February 2023

Closing date: 1 May 2023 (11:59PM AEST)

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

Qualification and English language requirements

- Applicants with a disability for Diploma/Advanced Diploma studies only must have:
 - an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS overall score of 5.0, with no band score less than 4.5, and
 - graduated from senior high school with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 7.00 or have graduated from the UNTL CBR diploma 1 with a GPA of at least 2.50.
- Applicants for Bachelor studies must have:
 - an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS overall score of 5.5, with no band score less than 5.0
 - graduated from senior high school with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 7.00 or have graduated from the UNTL CBR Diploma 1 with a GPA of at least 2.50
- Masters by coursework or research level applicants must have:
 - an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS score of 6.0, with no band score lower 5.5 and
 - a recognised undergraduate degree with a GPA of at least 2.75 above.
- PhD level applicants must have:
 - a GPA of at least 3.00, and
 - an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS score of 6.5 overall, with no band score less than 6.0.

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

For assistance in lodging your application, the OASIS User Guide can be found at www.australiaawardstl.org.

Supporting documents

Applicants **must** also provide the following documents to meet the specific supporting document requirements and attached in OASIS in PDF format for Timor-Leste:

Required document For Diploma and Undergraduate level	Certified
Proof copy of citizenship i.e., BI or Electoral or Passport	No
A copy of your birth certificate (RDTL) English version	No
Current Curriculum Vitae <i>Refer to preferred template in Australia Awards Timor-Leste website</i>	No
Minimum of current two reference letters in English (One Academic reference & one from employment) <i>Refer to preferred template in Australia Awards Timor-Leste website. Reference letter is not older than one year when applying to Australia Awards 2024 intake</i>	No
Third year transcript (English version & copy of original)	No (required to submit certified document if you are invited to interview stage)
Graduate diploma (English version & copy of original)	No (required to submit certified document if you are invited to interview)
Returning home reintegration plan <i>Refer to preferred template in Australia Awards Timor-Leste website</i>	No
If available, IELTS results obtained after 1 January 2023	No
Required document for Master by research, coursework, and PhD	Certified

Proof copy of citizenship i.e. BI or Electoral or Passport	No
A copy of your birth certificate (RDTL) English version	No
Current Curriculum Vitae <i>Refer to preferred template in Australia Awards Timor-Leste website</i>	No
Minimum of current two reference letters in English (One Academic reference & one from employment) <i>Refer to preferred template in Australia Awards Timor-Leste website. Reference letter that is no older than one year when you are applying for the Australia Awards 2024 intake</i>	No
All official university degree certificates and academic transcripts (English Version & copy of original) Note: if no GPA is recorded on the transcripts, please obtain a statement from the university that confirms GPA equivalence	No (required to submit certified documents if you are invited to interview stage)
Returning home reintegration plan <i>Refer to preferred template in Australia Awards Timor-Leste website</i>	No
If available, IELTS results obtained after 1 January 2023	No
Additional required document for Master by research and PhD level	Certified
Two signed recent academic referee reports for PhD and Master by Research Candidate only <i>Refer to preferred template in Australia Awards Timor-Leste website</i>	No
Evidence (letter or email) that the applicant has received in-principal support for your research topic from a potential supervisor	No

(For PhD Candidates only)	
Outline of the proposed research project in your OASIS online applications	No
Details of proposed fieldwork with indicative timelines attached to your OASIS online application	No
Additional required document for Public Servant and previously granted for Timor-Leste government scholarships	Certified
Endorsement from your employer (Line Supervisor, Director General or National Director)	No
A confirmation letter from the relevant government scholarship department that you may apply to Australia Awards 2024 intake	No

The selection process

- Applicants will sit Preliminary English Language Test (PELT) after eligibility checking
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for IELTS preparation course and test
- Candidates who meet Timor-Leste IELTS criteria set in the country profile will be invited to interview process
- 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 Timor-Leste
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 10 August 2023
- 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.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- 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—Timor-Leste can be found at www.australiaawardstl.org

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

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/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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