

Australia Awards and Santos Scholarship (Timor-Leste)

Master of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Adelaide

Applicant information

Australia Awards and Santos Scholarship 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.

Australia Awards and Santos are offering one scholarship for a suitable qualified candidate to study a Master of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Adelaide in 2024.

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

Priority areas of study

- Institution: University of Adelaide
- CRICOS: 083678M
- Program: Master of Petroleum Engineering
- Duration: 1.5 years full-time
- Mobilisation to Australia: September 2023 for pre-academic and English Language training
- Main course start date: February 2024 (note mid-year intake is not available).
- Location: North Terrace Campus, Adelaide

About the program

Petroleum engineers help sustain society's way of life. They provide oil and gas in efficient, safe, and environmentally ways.

The University of Adelaide's Master of Petroleum Engineering is designed for graduates of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or equivalent in a related discipline. It's also open to petro-technical professionals seeking to advance their technical careers with formal qualifications.

The University of Adelaide's petroleum engineering degrees is developed and taught by industry-trained academics through the Discipline of Mining & Petroleum Engineering. Petroleum Engineering at the University of Adelaide is ranked 1st in Australia and 7th in the world.

What will you do?

- Learn all about GeoEnergy and subsurface engineering, including oil and gas exploration, drilling, modelling and production, as well as Underground CO₂ and Hydrogen Storage.
- Explore unconventional resources and recovery.
- Access the University of Adelaide's state of the art fluid flow laboratories.
- Gain field experience at an Australian sedimentary basin.
- Take integrated courses in business, economics and project management.
- Complete a 12-unit research project thesis.

Where could it take you?

You'll graduate ready to enter the upstream sector of the petroleum industry to work on oil and gas and CCS and UHS projects as reservoir, drilling or production engineer.

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You might search for underground or underwater oil fields with a government agency or move into a supervising or managerial role.

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, if applicable

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.

Qualification and English language requirements

Academic entry requirements and tertiary qualifications

- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) or equivalent with a minimum GPA of 4.0 in a discipline other than petroleum engineering.
- Individuals who have a relevant Bachelor degree (Honours) with a strong science and mathematics component (such as geology, geophysics, geosciences, physics and applied mathematics or similar) may gain entry into this program.
- Individuals who have a Bachelor degree with suitable upstream oil and gas experience may have their prior academic and professional experience assessed to be equivalent to an honours level qualification and in such cases may also gain entry into this program.

English Language Requirements

Master of Petroleum Engineering applicants must have an English language proficiency of at least an IELTS overall score of 6.5, with no individual band less than 6.0.

Application dates

For study commencing in Adelaide in semester 1 February 2024 are open to 19 May 2023 (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 in person to the Australia Awards Timor-Leste office, Dili Central. Level 2, CBD 5, Timor Plaza, Bebonouk, Dili, Timor-Leste.

Supporting documents

Applicants **must** also provide the following documents to meet the specific supporting document requirements and submit with their application:

Required document for Master by coursework	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: <i>if no GPA is recorded on the transcripts, please obtain a statement from the university that confirms GPA equivalence</i>	No <i>(required to submit certified documents if you are invited to interview stage)</i>
Returning home reintegration plan <i>Please refer to the reintegration plan template on the Australia Awards Timor-Leste website.</i> Refer to preferred template in Australia Awards Timor-Leste website.	Yes
If available, IELTS results obtained after 1 January 2023	No

If you have previously received a Timor-Leste government scholarship or if you currently a public servant, you'll also be required to submit	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 may be required to sit the 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 this document 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 in 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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