



Australian Government



Australia Awards

DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Australia Awards: Announcement for the 2014 intake

Australia Awards Scholarships (Including the Australia Awards Leadership Program)

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is pleased to invite applications for the 2014 intake of Australia Awards for study at **Masters and PhD** levels in Australia. Australia Awards include Australia Awards Scholarships (**AAS**) and Australia Awards Leadership Program (**AALP**).

The overarching goals of Australia's Awards are: to develop capacity and leadership skills so that individuals can contribute to development in their home country and to build people-to-people linkages at the individual, institutional and country levels.

The **AAS** Program is a bilateral development cooperation activity between Australia and **Tonga**. The program aims to meet human resource development needs in **Tonga** and to contribute to its long-term development. AAS applicants who demonstrate the most potential to have a positive impact on development in Tonga and the region will be considered for the additional prestigious **AALP**.

Priority Areas:

AAS and AALP priority areas are in line with the Tonga-Australia Partnership for Development: Health, Technical Vocational Education and Training, Infrastructure, Economic and Public Sector Governance.

To ensure equity and broad participation, AusAID encourages women, people with disability, ethnic minorities, people living in rural areas and members of socio-economically disadvantaged groups to apply.

Eligibility requirements

Applicants must:

1. be a **CITIZEN OF TONGA**
2. not have held a foreign scholarship in the 24 months prior to application
3. not be a permanent resident or have applied for permanent residency in Australia
4. not be married, or engaged to be married to a person who holds or who is eligible to hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence status; and
5. have at least 3 year's work experience in the chosen field of study if currently working.

Recipients are required to return to their home country for two years after they have completed their studies. The recipients should also be willing to actively participate in the Australia Awards alumni program.

*** Please note:** A satisfactory IELTS score may be a requirement for Australian institutions.

To Apply:

Applications are online only (from 01 February 2013) for commencement at an Australian institution from January 2014. Online applications are available until **Close of Business (COB) 30 April 2013**.

Applicants are encouraged to first read the country profile and handbooks including information on eligibility at <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/eligiblecountries.cfm>

Please note only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

Further information:

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