



### Australia Awards for Master level study in Australia

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is pleased to invite applications for the 2014 intake of the Australia Awards for study at Masters level in Australia. These awards include Australia Awards Scholarships and Australia Pakistan Agriculture Scholarships. Applicants who can demonstrate potential to have an impact on development in Pakistan will be considered for the additional prestigious Leadership Program.

The Australia Awards align with Australia's development assistance program in Pakistan, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors and provinces. The overarching goals of the Awards are to develop capacity and leadership skills of individuals so that they can contribute to development in their country or region and build people-to-people links at the individual, institutional and country levels. To achieve these goals AusAID requires scholars to return home for two years after they have completed their studies and expects that they will participate in Australia Awards Alumni activities.

The Australia Awards cover full cost of travel to and from Australia, tuition fees and a living allowance for the duration of the academic course. Successful applicants (who have been residing in Pakistan for the two years prior to the opening of the application period) must be available to take up the award in Semester 1, January 2014.

#### General Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet all of the Australia Awards general eligibility criteria. These include:

- be Pakistani citizens (dual nationals are not eligible), and currently residing in Pakistan;
- not have applied for or hold permanent residency in Australia or New Zealand;
- not be married or engaged to a person who is eligible to hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence;
- satisfy Australian Government requirements for international student visas for entry to Australia (health, character etc.);
- be able to provide a Police Security Clearance certificate at the time of Visa application;
- not hold another scholarship;
- not have held a foreign scholarship in the 24 months preceding the application (24 months are calculated from the date of arrival back in Pakistan to the closing date for applications);
- be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course already commenced in Australia (on-going study programs will not be supported);
- be able to take up the scholarship in the year for which it is offered;
- have outlined a case that is clear about their objectives and motivation to make a contribution to development in Pakistan;
- be not more than 45 years of age at the time of application;
- have completed 16 years of education;
- be able to meet the profile specific eligibility criteria under which they are applying (see the four profiles on the Australia Awards Scholarships - Pakistan website given below);
- be applying for a Masters level course;
- be applying for courses that fall within the priority sectors identified below;
- satisfy the admission requirements of the Australian tertiary institution and the course to be undertaken;
- have a relevant academic background to proposed study in Australia;
- be able to demonstrate the ability to meet the English Language Proficiency requirements for the Scholarship (candidates do not need to provide a current IELTS score at the time of application; however, candidates successful in preliminary screening with no current IELTS score, will be required to take an IELTS test on short notice (an IELTS score of 6.5 with no band less than 6 is required for eligibility));
- have at least 2 years work experience in the field in which they are applying (5 years of experience is required for applicants falling under profile 2); and
- must return to Pakistan to take up a position that utilises his/her study for a minimum period of two years.

#### Australia Awards Scholarships Priority Sectors

The Australia Awards Scholarships are offered in line with Pakistan's key development priorities. These are:

- Maternal, neonatal and child health services
- Basic education services
- Rural development & food security
- Governance

#### Australia Pakistan Agriculture Scholarships Priority Sectors

The Australia Pakistan Agriculture Scholarships are offered in line with Pakistan's key development priorities. These are:

- Pro-poor market development in rural areas
- Rural economic and market reforms
- Irrigation and water resource management

Fifty per cent of the awards offered each year are reserved for females. Priority will be given to applicants from Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa or the Federally Administered Tribal Areas. Five per cent of awards are reserved for people living with disability or for those working with people with disability. High priority will be given to applicants who have not had the opportunity to study overseas at the post-graduate level.

Additional support is available to women and people living with disability on a case-by-case basis. Applicants living with disability should disclose their disability in their application.

#### How to Apply

Further information and details on how to apply are available on the Australia Awards - Pakistan website: <http://www.adspakistan.com.pk>.

All applicants must ensure they fall under one of the four scholar profiles and meet the profile specific eligibility criteria as outlined on the website.

Application forms in hard copy are available at the following TCS Express Centres:

- 54 The Mall Near PTV Station Peshawar.
- 11 Kashmir Road Sadar, Rawalpindi.
- Shop # 1-Shakeel Chamber, Khayaban-e-Suharwardy, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Crossing, Aabpara, Islamabad.
- Main MA Jinnah Road Opposite Askari Commercial Bank, Quetta.

Applications close

**Monday, 25 March 2013**

Forms will be accepted via courier only at the address below

For further information, please visit

<http://www.adspakistan.com.pk>

or write to [info@adspakistan.com.pk](mailto:info@adspakistan.com.pk)

### Australia Awards - Pakistan

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