

Government of Pakistan
(MINISTRY OF STATISTICS)

SUBJECT : - AUSTRALIAN AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY COMMENCING 2019.

Enclosed find please herewith a copy of Australia Awards letter dated 13th February, 2018 on the subject noted above for further necessary action.


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Subject: Australia Awards Scholarships for study commencing 2019

Dear ~~Dr. Stat/AM~~

I am writing to draw your attention towards recently announced Australia Awards Scholarships for 2019. These Scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development. Through study and research, scholarship recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people to-people links with Australia. Australia Awards align with the focus of Australia's development assistance to Pakistan, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors and enhance awardees' skills and knowledge to contribute to inclusive, sustainable economic and social development.

We have announced new cycle of Australia Awards Scholarships 2019 open on 1st February 2018 in Pakistan and the closing date for applying is 30 April 2018. The priority areas of study for the Australia Awards in Pakistan are: **Economic Growth, Gender Equality, Good Governance and Stabilisation, Education (including early childhood, basic and higher education) and Health (limited to public health and nutrition).**

Please find enclosed Information Kit with details about the scholarship program. The program targets improved standards of governance in the public, civil society and private sectors. We strongly encourage applications from women, and people living with disability or people who are working with people with disability.

I would like to request you to disseminate information about this opportunity within your organisation and wider network. My team and I are available to respond to any questions that you or any interested applicant may have.

Australia Awards Pakistan program will be organising information sharing sessions across Pakistan. Interested applicants can write to us on info@australiaawardspakistan.org to register themselves for one of the sessions.

I look forward to your interest in Australia Awards Scholarships.

Sincerely,

Erum Ayub

As directed, Pkg.

Erum Ayub Rabbani
Country Program Manager
Australia Awards Pakistan

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Australia Awards

Australia Awards Scholarships Pakistan Required supporting documents for applications for study commencing 2019

Documents	Document type	Attested/ notarised
Passport and citizenship	Passport/CNIC	Yes
Degree certificates	Degree certificates	Yes
Academic transcripts / mark sheets	Academic transcripts	Yes
IELTS or TOEFL or PTE Academic results (valid at 1 January 2019)	Result/ Score Card	Yes
Academic referee reports (two reports for applicants for Master's degree by research, and one report for applicants for Master's degree by coursework)	Referee report	No
Employment referee report (same template as academic referee report)	Referee report	No
Development Impact Plan (DIP) (use template)	DIP template	No
Curriculum Vitae (CV) (use template)	CV template	No
Current employment letter (use template)	Employment letter	Yes
Previous employment evidence	Other document	Yes
No Objection Certificate (NOC)—for public sector employees only	Other document	Yes
Certificates of special achievements or merit (if any)	Other document	Yes
<i>Applicants for Master's degree by research:</i>		
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Australia Awards

Name: Muhammad Irshad
Course: Master of Development Studies
University: The University of Melbourne



The Australia Awards Scholarship has changed my life. I can now work towards the betterment of society and other disabled persons with greater vigour and expertise.

When I was one year old, I contracted polio and suffered post-polio paralysis in my left leg. Growing up, I wanted nothing more than to work for other people with disability, that's why I started the Society for Promotion of Education and Employment for Disabled (SPEED).

In 2012, I was awarded an Australia Awards Scholarship to pursue a Master of Development Studies from the University of Melbourne. My scholarship was given to me based on merit and not on a disability quota, because the Australia Awards ensured that my disability did not become a drawback for me during the selection process.

My experience in Australia is extremely valuable to me. I was impressed by the non-discriminatory attitude of Australians towards one another; embodying the words "we are one but we are many".

Mobility was never an issue for me. Whether catching a bus, a tram or a taxi, shopping malls, public events and college or university, students who live with a disability will find a lot of support across Australia.

The University of Melbourne provides extremely high standards of accessibility and facilitation for people living with disability. Wheelchair access, restrooms, in class assistance, counselling and any other support that a student might require to focus on their studies. The university also has a Disability Support

Officer, who provides necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments to the environment and learning materials to ensure equal participation of students with disabilities.

My university provided me with a free parking ticket valid till the end of my scholarship and an electric scooter for mobility inside the university. Towards the end of my studies, I fractured my better leg. My leg was put in a cast and the doctor suggested a complete rest for six months. But thanks to the Australia Awards staff, I was able to get a career to help me with everyday tasks such as cooking, doing laundry and cleaning my room, etc.

The Australia Awards Scholarship has changed my life. I can now work towards the betterment of society and other disabled persons with greater vigour and expertise. In 2015, I joined the Government of Pakistan Polio Eradication Initiative / Expanded Program on Immunization (PEI/EPI). That year the highest number polio related cases were from Khyber agency (76 out of 306).

The skills I've gained through my Australian degree helped me train my team and perform my duties well, and as a result, in 2016 there were no cases of polio reported in Khyber Agency. I dedicate this achievement to Australia Awards.



Australia Awards

Disability Inclusive Development Fact Sheet

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities are included in, and equally benefit from Australia's development assistance. The objective of Australia's work in disability inclusive development is to improve the quality of life of people living with disabilities through:

- Enhancing participation and empowerment of people with disabilities, as contributors, leaders and decision makers in community, government and the private sector.
- Reducing poverty among people with disabilities.
- Improving equality for people with disabilities in all areas of public life, including service provision, education and employment.

The Australian Government works with partners, people with disabilities and their representative organisations to achieve this, recognising the vital role of people with disabilities in effective disability inclusive development.

Disability Inclusion and Australia Awards

Australia Awards provide opportunities for the next generation of global leaders, including those with disabilities, to study in Australia. Australia Awards proactively encourages, selects and supports awardees with disabilities to complete Masters-level Scholarships aligned with the priority sectors.

Principles and Procedures for Disability Support in the Australia Awards Scholarships

Additional support is provided to people living with disability at all stages of the Scholarship cycle. Applicants with a disability are encouraged to notify the Australia Awards office as early as possible, preferably when applying for an Australia Award Scholarship.

Early and full notification of a disability will not negatively affect the assessment of an applicant's eligibility and will enable us to provide appropriate support throughout the application and placement process (including any support that may be required in meeting eligibility requirements).

Reasonable adjustments will be provided to allow awardees with disability to participate in their Scholarship on an equal basis with all other awardees. Each awardee's support requirements will be different and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Australian universities have an obligation to provide students with disabilities reasonable adjustments to support their academic endeavours, such as additional training and/or access to assistive technology. Australia Awards will provide 'non-academic' reasonable adjustments to ensure that awardees with disability are adequately mobilised and supported, and have a positive experience in Australia.

For further information please contact:

Australia Awards Pakistan

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Australia Awards Scholarships Pakistan 2019 Eligibility Checklist

Australia Awards Scholarships 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

It is a precondition of accepting an Australia Awards Scholarship that Australia Awards recipients return to their home country following their Scholarship to take up a position that utilises their study for a minimum period of two years.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be a Pakistani citizen currently residing in Pakistan for at least the past 24 months
- not have applied for or be entitled to permanent residency or citizenship in Australia or New Zealand
- 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 (calculated from the date of arrival back in Pakistan to the closing date for receipt of applications)
- be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course already commenced in Australia (ongoing 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
- apply for courses that fall within the priority development sectors identified for Pakistan
- satisfy the admission requirements of the Australian tertiary institution and the course to be undertaken
- have an academic background relevant to the proposed study in Australia
- be applying for a Master's degree-level course
- have completed 16 years of education
- not be above 45 years of age at the time of submitting the application form
- have at least five years of work experience in the field in which they are applying. Internships and volunteer work will not be considered as work experience
- submit a Development Impact Plan (DIP) that clearly articulates how the proposed field of study could add value to improving the level and standard of service delivery, particularly in the priority development sectors and in promoting pro-poor development



- be able to demonstrate the ability to meet the English Language Proficiency requirements for the Scholarship at the time of application. The accepted English language tests are International English Language Testing System (IELTS)¹ Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic), undertaken at the candidate's own expense. The requirements are:
 - I. an IELTS Academic score with an overall band of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0
 - II. a TOEFL paper-based test overall score of at least 580, with a minimum of 4.5 in the test of written English; or a TOEFL internet-based test score of at least 92, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests
 - III. a PTE Academic overall score of 58, with no communicative skill score less than 50

OR

 - IV. if you are a person with a disability² and meet the eligibility criteria, you may submit an application without providing an IELTS / TOEFL / PTE Academic score. If shortlisted, you will be required to undertake an English Language Proficiency test arranged by Australia Awards Pakistan.

Special conditions

Applicants must also meet the following conditions:

- applicants must submit applications online on the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at oasis.dfat.gov.au
- applicants for Master's degree by research must provide an outline of the research proposal (up to 1000 words), and have in-principle agreement (letter or email) from a research supervisor at their Preferred university in Australia.

(Note: Providing falsified documents at any stage of the scholarship cycle will render the applicant ineligible or be grounds for withdrawal of a Scholarship offer.)

Application dates (for study commencing in Australia in 2019)

Opening date: 1 February 2018

Closing date: 30 April 2018

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

¹ For information about IELTS test dates in your city, please contact Australian Education Office (AEO) or British Council Pakistan. British Council Pakistan is now conducting IELTS test in Quetta.

² Under Australian law, disability includes physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological and learning disability, physical disfigurement, and the presence in the body of disease-causing organisms. People with disability who meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship.





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Australia Awards Scholarship 2019 Field of Studies

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The Priority Development Sectors and associated Fields of Study for studies commencing in 2019 are listed below.

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Economic Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Agriculture and Rural Development▪ Business Management (including MBA)▪ Economics / Development Economics▪ Energy and Renewables▪ International Trade▪ Mining (including Engineering)▪ Water Resources Management (including Engineering)▪ Financial Services for the Poor, including Microfinance Institutions▪ Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development▪ Private-Public Partnership in relation to Development▪ Private Sector-led Development
Good Governance, Stabilisation and Gender Equality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Development Studies▪ Disaster Management / Preparedness — Environmental Policy / Climate Change Adaptation▪ Gender Studies / Social Inclusion and Development▪ International and / or Human Rights Law▪ International Relations▪ Peace and Conflict Studies▪ Policing and Counter-terrorism▪ Public Policy and / or Administration▪ Public Financial Management▪ Studies on Disability▪ Gender-based violence



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- Inclusive Education
- Decentralised Educational Planning and Management
- Education (Leadership & Management)
- Education Financing
- Special Education—Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) / English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Health / Education Assessment and Evaluation
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