



VIETNAM

Information for awards commencing in 2014

Australia Awards in Vietnam

Australia's international development assistance in Vietnam aims to assist Vietnam to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and become an industrialized country by 2020.

AusAID's Australia Awards are aligned with Australia's development assistance in Vietnam, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors. They aim to provide awardees with the skills and knowledge to drive change and influence economic and social development.

AusAID will assess applicants for their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Vietnam.

AusAID offers awards on the basis of merit, transparency and equal access. We strongly encourage applications from disadvantaged rural areas, ethnic minorities and people with disability.

Priority Sectors

The priority areas of study for AusAID's Australia Awards in Vietnam are:

Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Animal Husbandry, Community Development, Development Studies, Economics (International Trade, Agricultural and Development Economics), Disability, Education (Management, Distance Education, TESOL), Environment (Resources Management, Climate Change, Waste Management), Financial Management, Forestry, Governance (Public Administration, Public Policy, Law), Gender Studies, Health (Public Health, Nursing, Epidemiology), Human Resources Development, Human Rights, Infrastructure (Project Management, Engineering, Urban Planning), Marine Sciences, Social Work, Transnational Crime (Human Trafficking, Drug Control).

Level of study

Australian Development Scholarships

These are long-term development scholarships providing citizens of Vietnam with opportunities to obtain post-graduate qualifications at Australian tertiary institutions.

Up to 250 AusAID Australia Awards will be available in Vietnam for Doctoral and Masters degrees commencing in 2014. Forty percent of the awards are reserved for Central Government officials. The remaining are for local government officials, people working on development issues, academics (including English Language teachers) and researchers.

Leadership for Development Program

Up to 200 outstanding Australian Development Scholarship awardees across the globe will be offered a place in the Leadership for Development Program in addition to their Australian Development Scholarship. There is no separate application process.

The Program will bring awardees together in Australia for leadership training, development discussions and the chance to build valuable networks.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

http://www.ausaid.gov.au/Publications/Pages/scholar-handbook.aspx

Applicants must also meet the following specific requirements for Vietnam:

- Have completed a <u>formal</u> undergraduate degree (for Masters applicants) or Masters degree (for PhD applicants)
- Have at least two years relevant work experience in Vietnam (except Disadvantaged applicants see description below)

Special Conditions

Profile	IELTS	GPA
Local Government Officials & Development Workers	IELTS certificate not required at application but encouraged (4.5 minimum at IELTS selection test)	6.5
2. Central Government Officials	4.5	7.0
3. Tertiary Lecturers (including TESOL) or Researchers	5.5 for PhD, Masters by Research and TESOL applicants 4.5 for others	7.0

Disadvantaged applicants

Special provisions apply for the following Disadvantaged applicants in Vietnam:

- Persons with disability
- <u>Disadvantaged rural applicants</u> (Please refer to <u>www.asdiv.edu.vn</u>)

Minimum GPA 6.0	IELTS certificate not required at application	One year's work experience only
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Application dates (for study commencing in Australia in 2014)

Opening date:

1 February 2013

Closing date:

31 March 2013

Applications or supporting documents received after this

date will not be considered.

The application process

All applications should be submitted online at:

http://oasis.ausaid.gov.au

We advise applicants to submit applications well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit with their application all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Scholarships Policy Handbook.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Vietnam.

- A certified copy of work contract(s)
- A CV with Passport photo stamped by current or previous employer
- A letter of reference with stamp from current or previous employer
- A summary research proposal for research applicants

(Please refer to <u>www.asdiv.edu.vn</u> for a full list of required supporting documents)

The selection process

The selection process includes an interview for all short-listed candidates and takes into account your personal strengths and leadership potential, how the proposed study will contribute to your career, and how your study will benefit your organization and contribute to Vietnam's development. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for interview.

Further information

Further information about AusAID's Australia Awards can be found at:

http://www.ausaid.gov.au/australia-awards

Information about Visas and award entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

http://www.ausaid.gov.au/Publications/Pages/scholar-handbook.aspx

For more specific information about the application requirements and selection processes in Vietnam, please log in at www.asdiv.edu.vn

More general information about the Australia Awards, AusAID and studying in Australia and can be found at:

www.australiaawards.gov.au www.ausaid.gov.au http://studyinaustralia.gov.au

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