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AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

## GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (ADS) APPLICANTS

To be eligible for an ADS, applicants must:

- a. be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of commencement of scholarship in Australia or home country (if preparation training is provided);
- b. have citizenship of and be currently living in an ADS participating country as listed on AusAID's website <[www.aid.gov.au](http://www.aid.gov.au)>;
- c. not be married to/or be a defacto of, or engaged to be married to, a person who holds or is eligible to hold Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent resident status;
- d. not hold or have held an Australian Government funded scholarship in the preceding 2 years at the time of application;
- e. satisfy any specific criteria established by the applicant's country and/or government of citizenship;
- f. satisfy all requirements of the Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) for an AusAID student visa; and
- g. satisfy the admission requirements of the Institution at which the ADS is to be undertaken.
- h. You must hold a Bachelors Degree

Applicants must inform the Australian Government of any connection or relationship to staff employed by the Australian Government or with Managing Contractors at the time of application.

## ADDITIONAL APPLICANT CRITERIA

- If you work with civil society or the private sector, your employer must be formally registered in your country of residence with a proven record of at least 5 years' continuous existence. Strong alignment of the organisational work to the national development priorities of your country is preferred.
- You must be resident in your country of citizenship. There are some exceptions, such as diplomats that are currently posted outside their country of citizenship. Details should be provided at the appropriate place in your Preliminary Application Form (PAF).
- You must provide a fully-completed Preliminary Application Form (PAF) – either hardcopy or softcopy – as well as all supporting documents, statutory declarations, signatures and other requirements as given in the Checklist of the PAF.
- You must meet the general minimum eligibility criteria for Australia Development Scholarships, as posted on the AAA website.
- Public sector applicants must appear on their Government's training plans where relevant.
- Public sector applicants are responsible for fully complying with their Government's policies regarding release of employees if they are awarded a Scholarship. Scholarships may be withdrawn if such policies and procedures are not adhered to by awardees.
- As well as needing a passport in order to travel, you should check its validity period. Your passport will need to be valid for the full term of your award and for at least six (6) months afterwards.



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## STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

Many Australian institutions are able to offer 'reasonable' support to students with a disability in order to assist access to study. To assess the likely support needs, appropriate assistance, and the capacity of relevant institutions to provide the assistance, awardees with a disability/special need must provide details of the disability and/or special need upon acceptance of their scholarship offer. This information is bound by Australian privacy laws and will be disclosed only for the purpose of facilitating an accessible barrier-free learning environment.

Modifications to physical or learning environments, including additional educational supports such as sign interpreters and captioning, may be available dependant on the relevant institution's capacity.

AusAID will advise the Institution of any special requirements associated with a student so that the Institution can pass these details to the Institution's Disability Liaison Officer prior to the student arriving on-campus. Where applicants meet eligibility criteria and are selected for an Australian Development Scholarship, but the preferred Institution is not able to provide the assistance requested, other Institutions may be recommended.

## AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (ADS) ENTITLEMENTS

<b>Under ADS a common set of entitlements apply to all recipients. They are as follows:</b>	
Tuition Fees	Payment of full academic fees and other fees that are compulsory for all international students undertaking the same course.
Travel	Payment of a single return, economy class airfare to and from Australia, via the most direct route.
Contribution to Living Expenses (also referred to as a Stipend)	A weekly Contribution to Living Expenses (CLE) paid at a rate determined by AusAID, to cover those expenses not included in the short course program
Overseas Student Health Cover	AusAID will pay for your health cover in Australia for the duration of your Short Course



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## **SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (ADS) STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Prior to Departure**

You must take up the scholarship in the academic year for which it is offered.

You must not behave in a manner that is unacceptable by normal community standards.

You must agree to AusAID collecting information concerning yourself and passing that information onto other relevant parties, if necessary.

### **In Australia**

As an ADS student you must:

- a. reside in Australia for the duration of the ADS Short Course
- b. not hold another Australian Government scholarship at the same time as the ADS;
- c. complete a full study program during the course of the ADS;
- d. complete in full, the approved program for which the ADS is approved, within the specified scholarship timeframe;
- e. only undertake the approved program for which the ADS is offered and abide by the rules of the Institution;
- f. maintain an appropriate study load and achieve satisfactory academic progress in the program for which the ADS was offered;
- g. participate in all activities associated with the approved course of study, including all lectures and tutorials, submit all work required for the course (e.g. assignments or essays) and sit for examinations;
- h. not undertake any additional off-scholarship tertiary studies during your time in Australia on an AusAID Student Visa;

And you agree:

- a. that the ADS may be terminated at any time for failure to make satisfactory academic progress, failure to comply with the laws of Australia, misconduct, breaches of the contract between the Student and the Commonwealth of Australia including breaches of the conditions of the ADS, or of the AusAID Student Visa or if you apply to change your visa status.

### **Travel to and within Australia**

Please note that the following are not provided by AusAID or the Institution and are therefore your responsibility:

- a. Insurance costs (travel & baggage, home contents);
- b. Personal effects transport costs (i.e. removal costs either to and from Australia or within Australia);
- c. Excess baggage costs;
- d. Travel to and from the airport in your home country



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## **AUSAID'S CHILD PROTECTION CODE OF CONDUCT**

Awardees receiving funds under an AusAID-funded scholarship agree to

- a. treat children with respect regardless of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth or other status;
- b. not use language or behaviour towards children that is inappropriate, harassing, abusive, sexually provocative, demeaning or culturally inappropriate;
- c. not engage children in any form of sexual activity or acts, including paying for sexual services or acts;
- d. wherever possible, ensure that another adult is present when working in the proximity of children;
- e. not invite unaccompanied children into their home, unless they are at immediate risk of injury or in physical danger;
- f. not sleep close to unsupervised children unless absolutely necessary, in which case the Awardee must obtain their supervisor's permission, and ensure that another adult is present if possible;
- g. use any computers, mobile phones, or video and digital cameras appropriately, and never to exploit or harass children or to access child pornography through any medium (see also 'Use of children's images for educational/research related purposes');
- h. refrain from physical punishment or discipline of children (excluding own children);
- i. refrain from hiring children for domestic or other labour which is inappropriate given their age or developmental stage, which interferes with their time available for education and recreational activities, or which places them at significant risk of injury;
- j. comply with all relevant Australian and local legislation, including labour laws in relation to child labour; and
- k. immediately report concerns or allegations of child abuse in accordance with appropriate procedures.

### **Use of children's images for educational/research related purposes**

When photographing or filming a child for educational/research related purposes, Awardees must:

- l. before photographing or filming a child, assess and try to comply with local traditions or restrictions for reproducing personal images;
- m. before photographing or filming a child, obtain consent from the child or a parent or guardian of the child. As part of this the Awardee must explain how the photograph or film will be used;
- n. ensure photographs, films, videos and DVDs present children in a dignified and respectful manner and not in a vulnerable or submissive manner. Children should be adequately clothed and not in poses that could be seen as sexually suggestive;
- o. ensure images are honest representations of the context and the facts; and
- p. ensure file labels do not reveal identifying information about a child when sending images electronically.

The onus is on the Awardee to use common sense and avoid actions or behaviours that could be construed as child abuse.