



Australia Awards

Australia Awards Scholarships – Bhutan

Study commencing in 2026

Priority fields of study

The priority fields of study identified for Australia Awards Scholarships for study commencing in 2026 reflect the development needs of Bhutan and priorities agreed between the Australian Government and the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB). They align with the objectives of Australia's bilateral and regional aid programs.

Applicants must apply for **only one** field of study for which their parent agency nominates them. However, applicants can submit more than one institution/university preferences in their applications.

Applicants are encouraged to carefully consider study program and institution preferences before applying.

Priority fields of study for Master's by coursework/research applicants under the purview of the Ministry of Education and Skills Development (private, corporate, autonomous agencies, local NGOs/CSOs etc.)

	Development Theme	Agency/ Sector	Field of Study	Target Group	Required Academic Background
n1	Economic Growth	Cross Sector	Business Analytics	Business Managers/ Analyst/Subject Lecturers	A Bachelor of Business, Commerce, Computer Science, Statistics or a related field with relevant work experience. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements.
			Computer Science/ Software Engineering/ Data Science/Cybersecurity/ Artificial Intelligence	IT Professionals/ Software Engineers/ Subject Lecturers	A Bachelor of Computer Science, Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence, Software Engineering with relevant work experience. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements.
			Film, TV, Creative Industries	Film Directors/ Producers/ Creative Industry Managers/ Professionals	Any Bachelor's degree with relevant work experience. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements.
			Supply Chain and Logistics Management/Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management	Procurement Professionals/Subject Lecturers	A Bachelor of Arts in Supply Chain Management or an undergraduate degree in any discipline with relevant work experience. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements.
			Tourism/Hospitality Management	Tourism/Hospitality Managers/ Professionals/ Subject Lecturers	Any Bachelor's degree with relevant work experience. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements.

2	Governance	Cross Sector	Dispute Resolution/ Environmental Law Intellectual Property Law/International Law	Law Professionals/ Subject Lecturers	A Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with relevant work experience. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements.
			Development Economics/ Financial Economics/ International Economics	Economists/Finance Professionals/Subject Lecturers	A Bachelor of Economics, Finance or a related cognate field with relevant work experience. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements.
			Journalism/Digital Journalism/ Documentary Film Making & Journalism/Multimedia Journalism	Journalists/Subject Lecturers	A Bachelor of Mass Communication, Journalism, Media, or in any discipline with relevant work experience. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements.
3	Infrastructure	Cross Sector	Design Studies in Interior Architecture/Sustainable Design/Urban Design	Architecture/Urban Designers/Subject Lecturers	A Bachelor of Architecture, Interior Design, or a related field with relevant work experience. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements.

Note: A bachelor's degree must be equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree. According to the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF), a four-year bachelor's degree from Bhutan is accepted as equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree. However, if applicants have completed a three-year bachelor's degree, an additional one-year full-time Postgraduate Diploma may be required for the degree to be considered equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree, unless it is from a Section 1 university. Approach the Australia Awards-Bhutan for clarification.

Social inclusion

Australia Awards Scholarships are offered based on merit, transparency, and equal access. Applications are strongly encouraged from eligible women, people with disability and people working in rural areas.

Female applicants

At least 50 percent of the Scholarships will be offered to qualified women applicants. Family members can join scholars, but certain conditions apply—see the ***Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook***. School-going children can access free public education in Australia and childcare facilities are available (on a payment basis), if required.

Disability support

Reasonable disability support (academic and non-academic) is provided to recipients with disability based on a 'needs' assessment with the objective of allowing their participation on an equal basis with other recipients—see the ***Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook***.

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