**Australia Awards Scholarships**

**Program overview:**

Australia Awards are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government that aim to promote knowledge, education links and enduring ties between Australia, its neighbours and the global community. The Australia Awards bring the international scholarships offered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Department of Industry, Innovation, Research and Tertiary Education and the Australian Council for International Agricultural Research into a single, recognizable brand.

Australia Awards include the Australia Awards Scholarships which provide opportunities for long -term study and aim to:

* develop capacity and leadership skills so that individuals can contribute to development in their home country
* build people-to-people links at the individual, institutional and country levels.

**Australia Awards Scholarships in Bangladesh**

In Bangladesh, Australia Awards Scholarships are long term study and professional development opportunities available to qualified people from Bangladesh to study full-time in Australia. They equip scholars with skills and knowledge to drive change and influence development outcomes in Bangladesh. The selection process for this is based on merit, academic achievement and the relevance of proposed study programs to development priorities agreed between the governments of Australia and Bangladesh. DFAT manages the Australia Awards Scholarships on behalf of the Government of Australia.

Australia Awards Scholarships in Bangladesh are available to support study at Masters level.

To ensure equity and broad participation, DFAT encourages applications from women, people with disabilities and people from ethnic minority groups.

Australia Awards Scholarships to study at Masters by coursework or research are available for 2015 intake to

* employees of the Government of Bangladesh\*
* employees of ICDDR,B
* employees of BRAC
* people working in water resource management
* ethnic minority groups.

\**Please note: Preference will be given to candidates from Departments most closely aligned with country priorities agreed between the Governments of Australia and Bangladesh. Public university employees are not eligible. A select number of scholarships will be awarded to education and economic growth sector professionals from the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) target group.*

The online applications form is accessible at <https://oasis.ausaid.gov.au>. The online application for the intake commencing academic year 2015 opens on 1 February and closes on 30 April 2014. For more information on Australia Awards, please refer to the website inquiries@australiaawardsbangladesh.org or visit [http:// aid.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards/Documents/bangladesh.pdf](http://www.aid.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards/Documents/bangladesh.pdf).

Applicants should download the Scholarships Handbook and read its content carefully. Handbooks are available at: [http:// aid.dfat.gov.au/Publications/Pages/scholar-handbook.aspx](http://www.aid.dfat.gov.au/Publications/Pages/scholar-handbook.aspx)).

They should also read the Bangladesh Country Profile available at:

[http:// aid.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards/Documents/bangladesh.pdf](http://www.aid.dfat.gov.au/australia-awards/Documents/bangladesh.pdf).