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Australia Awards
Laos – Intake 2024



Australia Awards Laos

Do you want to be a leader in your field and join an inspiring network of changemakers?

Australia Awards scholarships in Laos

Australia’s international development assistance in Laos helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance stability.

Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Laos.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

Applicants living with a disability and people living in the provinces are entitled to additional support and are strongly encouraged to contact the Laos Australia Institute (LAI) Awards Team (contact details are on the last page).

Fields of study supported by the AAS

In recognition of the genuine development challenges across all sectors in Laos, applications are encouraged from all fields of study, **except for general business courses (business, business administration and business management), and education management.**

Applicants should select courses that align with their experience and qualifications or provide a strong justification for courses that represent a shift in career focus or direction.

Priority fields of study

The governments of Australia and Laos regularly review priority fields of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. For Intake 2024, the following fields of study are human resource development priorities:

- **Economics:** public financial management, economic governance, entrepreneurship and innovation, tourism and hospitality, international trade, agribusiness, infrastructure management, information technology, connectivity, digital transformation, architecture, food science and technology, engineering and logistics;

- **Health Security:** public health, emergency operation management, communicable disease outbreak management, epidemiology, linkages between human and animal health, gender-based health care, medical technology, nutrition and dietetics, occupational health and safety, mental health and psychology;
- **Stability:** basic education, inclusive education, sustainable development, sustainable agriculture, stability in food and water supply, water resource management, human rights, gender equality, disability and social inclusion, international law, monitoring and evaluation; and
- **Sustainable Environment:** environmental management, disaster management, climate change, forest and wildlife conservation, forestry resource management and urban planning.

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Laos with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution, including technical colleges.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2024 within the following allocations:

- **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**¹: diploma and advanced diploma
- **Master’s degree**
- **Doctorate degree (PhD)**

Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the Australian education institution, including any preparatory training

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- return air travel
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- overseas student health cover for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework which has a compulsory fieldwork component

¹ Vocational Education and Training (VET) was known as Technical and Further Education (TAFE)

Australia Awards Scholarships offer more than a degree. You gain an internationally recognised qualification and a life-changing experience in Australia.



Australia Awards Scholarships Intake 2024 Ambassadors
Ms Chayphet Phanthakesone and Mr Chansamone Phongchantha

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards 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

Previous Australian Government scholarship recipients who are planning to apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship this year are required to have resided outside of Australia for twice the length of the total time they were in Australia, as of 30 April 2023. For example, if you completed a master’s degree in Australia from January 2017 to December 2018, you are eligible to apply for another Australia Awards Scholarship after December 2022.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, applicants from Laos must also meet the following conditions:

- be a citizen of Laos (only);
- on the application closing date, be aged between 18 and 50 years old;
- have been residing in the Lao PDR for a minimum of two years as of 1 May 2023 (exceptions may be considered for Government Officials who have had diplomatic postings overseas); and
- provide all of the required supporting documents listed under “supporting documents”.

VET applicants:

- must have completed upper secondary school; or
- currently studying at tertiary level; or
- who already have a diploma or a bachelor’s degree, must have a minimum of two years’ work experience and be seeking qualifications to fill a skills shortfall or to change career direction.

Master’s degree applicants:

- must hold a bachelor’s degree; and
- must have a minimum of two years’ work experience.

Note: Those who already have a master’s degree from overseas are eligible to apply; but may be given lower priority.

PhD applicants:

- must hold a master’s degree;
- must have a minimum of three years’ work experience relevant to a postgraduate qualification; and
- must submit an IELTS Certificate of overall score of at least 6.5 with no individual band less than 6.0 obtained after 1 August 2022.

Note: IELTS test fee reimbursement will be paid to PhD applicants who meet all eligibility criteria.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2024:

Opening date: 1 February 2023

Closing date: 1 May 2023

(20:59 Laos Time or 23:59 Canberra Time)

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



Mr Chansamone Phongchantha
Marketing Director at Lao Brewery Co., Ltd
Advanced Diploma in International Business
Victoria University in 2005-2006

The application process

Information on how to apply online and the supporting documents can be found at **Australia Awards Laos**.

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS):

When applying online, all supporting documents must be uploaded to meet the specific eligibility requirements for Laos.

We strongly advise applicants to apply online well before the closing date. The OASIS experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date, and applicants may experience delays.

For those who have no access to the internet and/or people living with a disability who need help to apply, kindly contact our Awards Team at LAI (see contact details on the last page).

The selection process

The selection process includes:

- application eligibility checking
- an independent assessment of eligible applications against the selection criteria
- a shortlisting process
- IELTS preparation and testing
- interviews for shortlisted applicants with the requisite IELTS scores
- a moderation process taking into account gender, disability, government, non-government and private sectors, levels and areas of study.

Selection criteria

Applicants will be assessed and interviewed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Laos
- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.

Note: Gender balance and other agreed targets may be applied to the selection process. Priority will be given to people with disability, people living in the provinces, people from ethnic minority backgrounds, and applicants from target ministries/organisations.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the table below.

Please note that documents do NOT have to be certified at the time of application.

Applicants should note that a failure to provide all of the required documents may lead to the application being deemed ineligible

If you are unable to obtain any required documents, you should contact the Awards Team to discuss this as early as possible in the preparation of your application.

Document	Document type	Checklist	
All applicants			
Valid National Identity Card (Lao) OR Passport	Proof of citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Curriculum Vitae (Applicants must use the CV template referred to on Australia Awards Laos Website) - Maximum of 4 pages (except Research applicants, please see below)	CV or resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Public Sector/Government Official applicants			
Government of Laos approval letter, dated, signed and stamped by a representative of your personnel department or head of your department. (Applicants must use the template referred to on the Australia Awards Laos Website).	Employer or Nominating Authority Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
VET applicants			
All official upper secondary diploma and/or tertiary education degree(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Degree certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
All official upper secondary diploma and/or tertiary education transcript(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Academic transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
For high school graduates or university/college students only, please also submit: - all official year 10-12 upper secondary school academic transcript(s). - all official university/college academic transcript(s) where relevant. Copy of the original and an English translation.	Academic transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Master’s applicants			
All official tertiary education degree(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Degree certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
All official tertiary education transcript(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Academic transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
PhD applicants			
All official tertiary education degree(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Degree certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
All official tertiary education transcript(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Academic transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
IELTS Certificate of overall score of at least 6.5 with no individual band less than 6.0. This certificate must be obtained after 1 August 2022.	Proof of English language proficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Research applicants only (Masters and PhD)			
Two referee reports, at least one must be from an academic supervisor. The second referee report can be a current or former supervisor in a relevant field. Applicants must use the report template available on the Australia Awards Laos website.	Referee report	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
List of publications relevant to the research proposal.	List of publications	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
A detailed Research Proposal (as submitted to the supervisor in Australia).	Other document	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
A letter from a supervisor in Australia stating his/her in-principle support for the research proposal that has been provided.	Other document	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Curriculum Vitae (applicants must use the CV template referred to on Australia Awards Laos Website) - maximum of six pages.	CV or resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

IELTS requirements

Applicants are not required to submit a valid Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) result with their application.

LAI will sponsor one IELTS test for applicants passing the application assessment round who do not have a valid IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no individual band less than 6.0

Preference for interview consideration will be given to applicants with a higher English language level and at least IELTS overall score of 5.5 no individual band less than 5.0

Note: PhD applicants must meet IELTS requirements specified on the country specific conditions section (page 3) of this document.

Outcomes

All applicants will receive notification at each stage in the selection process if their application is not proceeding further. Applicants who are interviewed will be notified of the outcomes as soon as possible after the selection process concludes in late August 2023.

Successful applicants will remain provisional until meeting the following requirements, or the scholarship offer will be withdrawn:

- the provisional awardee attains the minimum English language requirement for placement, and no less than an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0
- the provisional awardee is placed at an Australian university;
- the provisional awardee is issued with the relevant visa by the Australian Department of Home Affairs

Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

Provisional awardees will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- a pre-departure briefing
- their university’s Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia
- English and Academic Preparatory Training

English and Academic Preparatory Training

Successful applicants holding:

- overall IELTS score of at least 6.5 with no band less than 6.0 may receive an offer for an Academic Readiness Course (ARC) program in Vientiane of up to 5 weeks.

- overall IELTS score of at least 6.0 with no band less than 5.5, and within half point of the score required for course placement may receive an offer for an English and Academic Preparation (EAP) program in Vientiane of up to 6 months.

Provisional awardees are not permitted to undertake employment during any preparatory training. Short absences only from the course may be considered on a case-by-case basis.



Ms Chayphet Phanthakesone
Deputy Director of Champasak Medical Rehabilitation Sub-Center at Champasack Medical Rehabilitation Sub-Center
Master of Disability Policy and Practice
Flinders University in 2019-2021

Key Australia Awards Scholarships Intake 2024 dates*

Promotion activities	
Information Session: Disability Advocates and potential applicants with disability, at Laos Australia Institute, Vientiane	Thursday 2 February 2023 (14:00-16:00)
Information Session: Government applicants and Ministry representatives, at Muong Thanh Luxury Vientiane Hotel, Vientiane	Friday 3 February 2023 (14:00-16:00)
Information Session: All Applicants, at Muong Thanh Luxury Vientiane Hotel, Vientiane	Saturday 4 February 2023 (9:00-12:00)
Information Session: Champasak (venue and time to be announced)	Friday 10 February 2023 (14:00-16:00)
Information Session: Luang Prabang (venue and time to be announced)	Wednesday 15 February 2023 (14:00-16:00)
Information Session: Oudomxay (venue and time to be announced)	Friday 17 February 2023 (14:00-16:00)
Information Session: Xiengkhouang (venue and time to be announced)	Friday 24 February 2023 (14:00-16:00)
Information Session: Savannakhet (venue and time to be announced)	Wednesday 1 March 2023 (14:00-16:00)
Information Session Live on Facebook page: Laos Australia Institute	Thursday 9 March 2023 (19:00-20:00)
Australian Education Exhibition at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Vientiane	Tuesday 14 March 2023 (13:30-18:30)
Support Session for applicants with a disability	Wednesday 22 March 2023
Support Session for Government applicants and Ministry representatives	Thursday 23 March 2023
Support Sessions for women applicants	Friday 24 March 2023
Support Sessions for women applicants (online)	Tuesday 28 March 2023
Special Q&A Live on Facebook Page: Lao Youth Radio FM 90.0 Mhz	Thursday 6 April 2023 (19:30-20:30)
Interview Tips on Facebook Page: Lao Youth Radio FM 90.0 Mhz	Thursday 20 July 2023 (19:30-20:30)
Application process	
Application Opening and Closing Dates	Wednesday 1 February – Monday 1 May 2023 (20:59 Laos Time)
Compliance screening, data entry and reporting (eligibility checking)	Tuesday 2 – Friday 12 May 2023
Independent Assessment of applications and Shortlisting	Tuesday 9 – Wednesday 31 May 2023
Selection process	
Shortlist for IELTS	Wednesday 7 June 2023
IELTS Preparation	Friday 9, Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 June 2023
IELTS tests	Thursday 15 & Saturday 24 June 2023
Shortlist for Interviews	Friday 14 July 2023
Interviews	Monday 31 July – Friday 4 August 2023
Formal Provisional Awards Offer	Late August 2023
Formal Offer for English and Academic Preparation	Late August 2023

* LAI may need to change the dates of the information sessions, so applicants should visit our website at www.australiaawardslaos.org periodically for updates.
* Please register via <https://bit.ly/AAS2024> to attend our information sessions and get more updates on the scholarships process
* Applicants are encouraged to attend an Information Session, and follow our Facebook Pages: [Australia in Laos](#) and [Laos Australia Institute](#) to access videos and Facebook Live Information Sessions, reminders and tips.
* Provincial applicants (and others) are especially encouraged to also contact LAI by [email](#) or phone with questions once they have viewed the videos and read this brochure.

Australia Awards Participating Institutions

Australian Capital Territory

Australian National University: www.anu.edu.au
University of Canberra: www.canberra.edu.au
Canberra Institute of Technology: www.cit.edu.au

New South Wales

Australian Catholic University: www.acu.edu.au
Charles Sturt University: www.csu.edu.au
Macquarie University: www.mq.edu.au
Southern Cross University: www.scu.edu.au
University of New England: www.une.edu.au
University of New South Wales: www.unsw.edu.au
University of Newcastle: www.newcastle.edu.au
University of Sydney: www.usyd.edu.au
University of Technology, Sydney: www.uts.edu.au
University of Wollongong: www.uow.edu.au
TAFE New South Wales: www.tafensw.edu.au
Western Sydney University: www.westernsydney.edu.au

Northern Territory

Charles Darwin University: www.cdu.edu.au

Queensland

Aviation Australia: www.aviationaustralia.aero
Bond University: www.bond.edu.au
Central Queensland University: www.cqu.edu.au
Griffith University: www.griffith.edu.au
James Cook University: www.jcu.edu.au
Queensland University of Technology: www.qut.edu.au
TAFE Queensland: www.tafeqld.edu.au
University of Queensland: www.uq.edu.au
University of Southern Queensland: www.usq.edu.au
University of the Sunshine Coast: www.usc.edu.au

South Australia

Carnegie Mellon University: www.australia.cmu.edu
Flinders University: www.flinders.edu.au
TAFE SA: www.tafesa.edu.au
University of Adelaide: www.adelaide.edu.au
University College London: www.ucl.ac.uk/australia
University of South Australia: www.unisa.edu.au

Tasmania

Tas TAFE: www.tastafe.tas.edu.au
University of Tasmania: www.utas.edu.au

Victoria

Box Hill Institute TAFE: www.boxhill.edu.au
Bureau of Meteorology Training Centre: www.bmtc.moodle.com.au
Chisholm Institute: www.chisholm.edu.au
Deakin University: www.deakin.edu.au
Federation University: www.federation.edu.au
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE: www.holmesglen.edu.au
Kangan Institute: www.kangan.edu.au
La Trobe University: www.latrobe.edu.au
Melbourne Polytechnic: www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au
Monash University: www.monash.edu.au
RMIT University: www.rmit.edu.au
Swinburne University of Technology: www.swinburne.edu.au
The Gordon Institute of TAFE: www.thegordon.edu.au
University of Melbourne: www.unimelb.edu.au
Victoria University: www.vu.edu.au
William Angliss Institute of TAFE: www.angliss.edu.au

Western Australia

Curtin University: www.curtin.edu.au
Edith Cowan University: www.ecu.edu.au
Murdoch University: www.murdoch.edu.au
University of Western Australia: www.uwa.edu.au

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards — Laos can be found at:
www.australiaawardslaos.org

More general information about Australia Awards, Australia's development cooperation program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards Scholarships entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook:

dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

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