

Australia Awards (AA), Australia Leadership Award (ALA) Scholarships (OPEN)

The Australian Government is offering post-graduate Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) scholarships at Masters Degree or Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) level at Australian universities, for studies commencing in 2013.

Australia Awards Program Background

The AA program in Afghanistan is managed by the Development Assistance Facility for Afghanistan (DAFA) on behalf of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). The program aims to contribute to the long term development of Afghanistan by strengthening the human resource capacity of Afghanistan.

Eligibility Criteria

To be awarded an ALA you must:

- Be an Afghan citizen living in Afghanistan
- Have completed an appropriate undergraduate or masters degree (attested copies of degree and transcript by Ministry of Higher Education and Foreign Affairs must be attached)
- Commit to return to Afghanistan for at least two years after completing the scholarship and be willing to sign a contract confirming this
- Not hold, or have held, an Australian government-funded scholarship in the last two year
- Be less than 50 years of age at the time of application
- Not already be studying at an Australian institution at the time of application
- Meet the IELTS requirements of overall 6.5 with no band less than 6.0

Women and provincial employees are strongly encouraged to apply.

Note: single female candidates applying for these scholarships are able to apply for a family member to accompany them to Australia if the family member meets the visa requirements.

Available courses of study

You must chosen field of study that will allow you to play a significant role in addressing, researching or combating development challenges in Afghanistan or the region. Your choice of study must be aligned with the Afghan National Development Strategy (ANDS) and with AusAID's priorities in Afghanistan.

Benefits of an ALA (open) award

AusAID meets the following costs for all ADS awardees:

- All university and academic fees
- Return air travel to and from Australia
- Establishment allowance
- Annual allowance to cover living costs of the ADS awardee only
- Leadership development program

Please note that AusAID does NOT contribute to expenses associated with awardees' families.

ADS awardees who wish to take their families with them to Australia are responsible for meeting the entire visa, travel and living costs of their family.

Closing date for applications

Your hard copy application form and supporting document must be delivered to Zoom Logistic at one of the pick locations anytime from now between 09:00a.m and 04:00p.m but not later than 4:00p.m Saturday 31 March 2012.

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