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**FW: Australia Awards Scholarships for study commencing in 2022 are now open!
Application deadline extended!**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see below **important update** on the application closing date for Australia Awards Scholarships – for study commencing 2022.

The application deadline for Australia Awards Scholarships commencing in 2022 has been extended to 31 May 2021. Any adjustments to application requirements will be published on the Australia Awards Sri Lanka website and on OASIS. Please check both websites regularly for updates

Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you require any information on the Scholarship.

Kind regards,
Australia Awards Sri Lanka



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From: Kushmin Perera
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Subject: Australia Awards Scholarships for study commencing in 2022 are now open!

Dear Sir/Madam,

Applications for Australia Award Scholarships for study commencing 2022 are now open and will close on **30 April 2021**.

Australia Awards Scholarships are prestigious international scholarships offered by the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT) and funded by the Australian Government, offering nearly 5000 scholarships a year in over 150 countries. In Sri Lanka, the Australia Awards Scholarships are offered for Master's degree-level qualifications and are open to professionals from government, private and civil society (NGO) sectors, in the priority development sectors of **Health Security, Stability** and **Economic Recovery** in line with DFAT's Sri Lanka COVID-19 Development Response Plan.

The Australia Awards Scholarships provides eligible applicants the opportunity to gain a world class education and an internationally recognised qualification from participating Australian universities. The Scholarship covers the cost of the full tuition fees of your nominated Master's program, the cost of your return air travel, your Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC), and contributes towards your living expenses during the duration of your study in Australia.

The application and selection process is open and competitive, based on merit, transparency and equal access. The Australia Awards office in Sri Lanka conducts information sessions during the application period, providing important details on the application process, eligibility criteria, priority development sectors and fields of study, target groups of applicants and the documentation requirement. The Australia Awards team is also available during these sessions to answer any questions on the scholarship process from potential applicants. Interested applicants should register for an available information sessions held in-person at various locations across Sri Lanka or for one held virtually via an online platform.

To learn more, including registering for an information session, please visit

www.australiaawardssrilanka.org.

Also attached are three documents, i.e. the Australia Awards Sri Lanka Country Profile, Australia Awards Sri Lanka Brochure as well as the Australia Awards access brochure which is compatible with screen reader applications.

Please be kind enough to disseminate this information to your organizations and contacts that would be interested to apply for the Scholarship.

Regards,
Australia Awards Sri Lanka



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SRI LANKA - Country Profile - Australia Awards Scholarships - study commencing 2022.pdf

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Sri Lanka

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Sri Lanka

As set out in DFAT's Sri Lanka COVID-19 Development Response Plan, Australia's development cooperation program in Sri Lanka contributes to three objectives: health security, social stability and economic recovery from COVID-19, with a focus on inclusion and addressing vulnerability. The objectives of the Australia Awards Scholarships program in Sri Lanka are likewise guided by the Response Plan.

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development in post-COVID Sri Lanka. 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 positively contribute to Sri Lanka's development.

Applications are strongly encouraged from eligible women, people with disability, those working in the disability sector and people working in the following priority districts:

Ampara	Batticaloa	Trincomalee
Jaffna	Kilinochchi	Mullaitivu
Mannar	Vavuniya	Anuradhapura
Polonnaruwa	Badulla	Moneragala
Puttalam	Ratnapura	Nuwera Eliya

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for **Sri Lanka** are:

Priority sectors	Field of Study
Health Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health • Health Management • Health and Wellbeing • Pandemic Control • Epidemiology • Food Security • Counselling • Psychosocial counselling • Clinical Psychology

Stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Studies • Disability Studies • Human Resource Management • Humanitarian and Disaster Management • Law • Political Science • Project Management • Public Administration • Public Policy • Statistics • Social and Economic Inclusion • Environmental Resource Management • Gender Studies • Psychology • Sociology
Economic Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics • Agriculture Economics • Business Administration • Customs Administration • Development Economics • Educational Management • Fisheries & Aquatic Resources • Finance • Information & Communication Technologies • International Finance • International Trade • Maritime Studies • Mathematics • Tourism and Hospitality • Trade and Investment • Urban Planning

The governments of Australia and Sri Lanka regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at the website: **Australia Awards Sri Lanka**

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Sri Lanka with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2022 within the following allocations:

- Masters level qualification (by coursework or research)

Options for mode of delivery and structure of the courses are currently reexamined to suit the post COVID context. These options could include a hybrid structure with components in Sri Lanka by Australian tertiary institutions that have already established a presence. Specific details on the structure and mode of delivery will depend on selected courses and could be found at **Australia Awards Sri Lanka** once finalized.

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 depending on the mode and structure of the selected course:

- 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 scholarship
- supplementary academic support,
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework which has a compulsory fieldwork component.

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

English language proficiency

Applicants must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2022.

Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which are awarded, this however also depends on travel restrictions due to COVID-19. Should an awardee not be able to commence study in 2022, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Sri Lanka must also meet the following conditions:

- applicants working in the priority districts, and applicants with a disability or those working in the disability sector will be considered with an overall IELTS band score of at least 6.0 with no band less than 5.0 (or equivalent TOEFL or PTE score).

If offered an Australia Awards scholarship, these applicants must meet the English language requirements of IELTS 6.5 equivalent before commencing study.

- be employed and the following criteria must be confirmed by an employment letter:
 - **applicants from the public sector** must have at least 3 years' post qualification experience in the public sector with 2 years in a field relevant to the proposed course of study and be confirmed in their current positions.
 - **applicants from the private sector and civil society organisation** must have at least 3 years' post qualification experience in a field relevant to the proposed course of study.
- have completed a tertiary-level qualification at least equivalent to an Australian Bachelor degree.
- have an academic or professional background relevant to their proposed study program.
- public sector employees selected for an Australia Award scholarship will be required to provide a copy of their official leave approval document to the Australia Awards office prior to departure.
- awardees are required to return to Sri Lanka for at least two years after completing their scholarship, to contribute to economic and social development of the country. Failure to do so will incur a debt to the Commonwealth of Australia for the total value of the scholarship.

Scholarships will not be available for courses of study in Australia where the applicant has already achieved that qualification and the qualification is deemed to be equivalent to the Australian qualification.

Australia Awards Scholarships program will request recognition of prior learning for all scholarship recipients from Sri Lanka. If this request is granted, the recipient may be placed in a degree program that may be shorter in duration than what they have originally applied for.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2022:

Opening date: **1 February 2021**

Closing date: **30 April 2021 (11:59pm Canberra Time)**

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

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through OASIS at:
Application

Supporting documents

Applicants must provide the following documents to meet specific requirements for Sri Lanka:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Tertiary degree certificates	Degree Certificate	Yes
Academic grades for university qualifications	Academic Transcript	Yes
Passport/National ID/ Driving licence	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Birth certificate	Proof of place of birth	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV)*	Other Document	No
Development Impact Plan (DIP) document*	Other Document	No
Certificates of special achievement or merit	Other Document	No
English language test (IELTS, TOEFL or PTE) results certificate valid at 1 January 2021	Proof of English language proficiency	Yes
Masters coursework applicants: One academic referee report and one professional referee report (e.g. a work supervisor – with referee's seal) *	Referee Report	No
Masters research applicants: two academic referee reports and one professional referee report (e.g. a work supervisor) (with referee's seal) *	Referee Report	No

Masters research applicants: a research proposal. This proposal must include a proposed methodology, timeline and a brief literature review	Other Document	No
Employment Letter*	Other Document	No
Any other document you wish to upload ensuring your eligibility	Other Document	No

*Template available at: www.austrailaawardssrilanka.org

Notes:

- All documents must be certified. If the document is not in English, the translated copy must be certified. See the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook* for certification requirements.
- Referee reports in different formats cannot be accepted and may make applications ineligible. Contact the Australia Awards Sri Lanka & Maldives office to clarify reference requirements.

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- The selection process includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in Sri Lanka
 - professional and personal leadership attributes.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 31 August 2021.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Sri Lanka can be found at www.australiaawardssrilanka.org

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

- Australia Awards
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship 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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Make a difference
with an Australia
Awards Scholarship



Do you want to be a leader in your field and make a difference in Sri Lanka? Australia Awards Scholarships are your opportunity to gain a world class education and become an emerging leader for development with strong links to Australia.



Australia Awards

An Australia Awards Scholarship provides you with the opportunity to gain an internationally recognised qualification from an Australian university. Your career will benefit from new knowledge, leadership skills and the links you create both in Australia and through our global alumni network.

On your return home you can make a vital contribution to the economic and social development of Sri Lanka.

The application process is open and competitive, providing equal opportunity to all eligible people, regardless of gender, ethnicity or disability.

Australia and Sri Lanka

Australians and the Australian Government view Sri Lanka as a friend and neighbour and want to support its development and sustain regional growth. Australia has been a development partner of Sri Lanka since the 1950s, as part of international efforts to promote regional growth and development.

By working with partner governments to develop effective poverty reduction strategies, Australia contributes to growth and stability throughout the South Asia region.

Australia Awards outcomes

The Australia Awards aim to achieve the following outcomes:

- Australia Awards recipients develop and demonstrate high-level professional and technical skills relevant to their area of expertise.
- Australia Awards recipients return to their home countries and successfully reintegrate into the workforce.
- Australia Awards recipients exercise good leadership, apply new skills and nurture partnerships with institutions in the region and in Australia.
- Australia Awards recipients apply their skills to contribute to improving capacity in their organisations and institutions.
- Alumni networks operate in each country to assist in continuing professional development, networking and links between alumni.

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Sri Lanka with the opportunity to obtain a Master's degree-level qualification at an Australian tertiary institution and are open to eligible applicants from the public, private, NGOs and other civil society sectors in Sri Lanka.

Why study in Australia?

- Universities in Australia have a world-class reputation, with seven of them ranked among the top 100 universities in the world.
- Studying at Australian universities provides opportunities for Scholarship recipients to enhance their understanding of international organisations and network with them.
- Australia has a reputation as a friendly country that embraces multiculturalism.
- Scholarship recipients can network with other scholars while studying in Australia, with over 5000 Australia Awards recipients in Australia at any one time.
- Scholarship recipients join an elite alumni network with members from around the globe.
- On return to Sri Lanka, Scholarship recipients will be eligible to participate in a range of alumni activities.

What can I study?

Proposed courses of study must fit into the priority development sectors and fields of study. These are aligned to the development needs of Sri Lanka.

Priority Sector	Fields of study
Health Security	Public Health Health Management Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Control Epidemiology Food Security Counselling Psychosocial Counselling Clinical Psychology
Stability	Development Studies Disability Studies Human Resource Management Humanitarian and Disaster Management Law Political Science Project Management Public Administration Public Policy Statistics Social and Economic Inclusion Environmental Resource Management Gender Studies Psychology Sociology
Economic Recovery	Economics Agriculture Economics Business Administration Customs Administration Development Economics Educational Management Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Finance Information and Communication Technologies International Finance International Trade Maritime Studies Mathematics Tourism and Hospitality Trade and Investment Urban Planning

Applicants must research two preferred courses, including information provided on institution websites, and ensure that they meet the institutions English language and other course related requirements.

Who can apply?

Opportunities for all

Australia Awards Scholarships are offered on the basis of merit, transparency and equal access for all. Applications are open to all Sri Lankan citizens living and working in Sri Lanka. We strongly encourage applications from eligible women, people with disability or working in the disability sector, people from ethnic minority groups and people who are working in the following priority districts:

- Ampara
- Batticaloa
- Mannar
- Nuwera Eliya
- Rathnapura
- Anuradhapura
- Jaffna
- Monaragala
- Polonnaruwa
- Trincomalee
- Badulla
- Kilinochchi
- Mullaitivu
- Puttalam
- Vavuniya

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet all general eligibility criteria detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, applicants from Sri Lanka must also meet the following country-specific conditions:

- have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL iBT or PTE score. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2022 and should be submitted along with the Scholarship application.
- applicants working in the priority districts, and applicants with disability or those working in the disability sector will be considered with an overall IELTS band score of at least 6.0 with no band less than 5.0 (or equivalent TOEFL iBT or PTE score).

If offered an Australia Awards Scholarship, these applicants must meet the English language requirements of IELTS 6.5 equivalent before commencing study.

Applicants must also:

- be employed in the public, private or civil society sector, and the following criteria must be confirmed through a letter from the employer:
 - PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES must have at least three years' post-qualification experience in the public sector with two years in a field relevant to the proposed course of study and be confirmed in their current position.
 - PRIVATE AND CIVIL SOCIETY SECTOREMPLOYEES must have at least three years' post qualification experience in a field relevant to the proposed course of study.
- have completed a tertiary-level qualification at least equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree
- must have an academic or professional background relevant to their proposed study program.

Special conditions

- Public sector employees selected for an Australia Award scholarship will be required to provide a copy of their official leave approval document to the Australia Awards office prior to departure.
- Generally, Scholarships will not be available for courses of study in Australia where the applicant has already achieved that qualification and the qualification is deemed to be equivalent to the Australian qualification.
- Australia Awards will request for recognition of prior learning for all Scholarship recipients from Sri Lanka. If this request is granted, the recipient may be placed in a study program that is shorter in duration than what was originally applied for.

Australia Awards benefits

Scholarship recipients will generally receive the following:

- economy class air travel to and from Australia by the most direct route
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival to contribute to costs such as accommodation, books and other items
- full tuition fees
- contribution to living expenses
- a compulsory 4-6 week Introductory Academic Program
- Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of the Scholarship to cover basic medical costs.

Subject to requirements and eligibility, Australia Awards Scholarships may also cover:

- supplementary academic support
- fieldwork (for research purposes only)
- reunion airfare (for Australia Awards recipients whose family members do not accompany them).

Note: The Australian Government does not provide any financial or other support for the dependents of Scholarship recipients. Recipients are responsible, financially and otherwise, for their family members who accompany them to Australia.

Before you apply

Consider personal goals and development needs

Applicants are expected to have clear ideas about how they will contribute to development in Sri Lanka on their return. You should consider the links between your academic and professional goals and the development needs of Sri Lanka before beginning your application.

Read the Sri Lanka Country Profile

The Sri Lanka Country Profile (one of the resources available at www.australiaawardssrilanka.org) is essential reading because it includes information such as the target groups for Australia Awards Scholarships, levels of study, key dates and eligibility criteria.

Research relevant university courses

The Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) has information on all Australian universities with courses available to international students. The CRICOS website and individual university websites can clarify:

- whether a course is available to international students
- details of the course content to compare course components
- English language requirements for a selected course
- any other course-specific entry requirements of the institution
- how closely a course fits a priority development sector.

You should carefully check that you meet all entry requirements before nominating a course. In particular, applicants proposing to study development economics or related fields should check they have the requisite mathematics/statistics background.

How to apply

Gathering and certifying document

You need a number of documents in order to submit an eligible application. It is important to collect them as early as possible. All documents must be certified. If the document is not in English, the translated copy must be certified.

Although scanned versions of documents are uploaded with applications, candidates invited for interview will need to produce original documents for verification. A list of required documents is available at www.australiaawardssrilanka.org.

Online applications

Applications must be lodged online using the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at: www.oasis.dfat.gov.au. We strongly advise you to apply well before the closing date. OASIS experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and you may experience delays over this period.

Application dates for study commencing in 2022

Opening date: 1 February 2021

Closing date: 30 April 2021

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

The selection process

Following eligibility checking, applications will be assessed and ranked by independent consultants and then shortlisted by Australian Government representatives. Only shortlisted candidates are contacted for interview.

The selection interview includes a panel interview and a written exercise using a computer. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in Sri Lanka in the specified priority development sectors
- professional and personal leadership attributes.

Refer to the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook for details.

Social inclusion and disability support

The Australian Government values contributions from all people. It seeks equity and broad participation by all groups in society. This includes women, people with disability and people from traditionally-marginalised groups.

The selection process for the Australia Awards Scholarships takes account of barriers to participation faced by applicants from under-represented groups to improve their competitiveness.

Reasonable disability support (academic and non-academic) is provided to recipients with disability based on a 'needs' assessment. The objective is to allow their participation on an equal basis with other Scholarship recipients. Australian institutions are very experienced in providing disability support. Applicants with disability are encouraged to notify the Australia Awards office in Sri Lanka of any disability as early as possible. Declaration of a disability will not negatively affect the assessment of an applicant's eligibility or placement. Further information on disability support is available in the Australia Awards Scholarship Policy Handbook.

Australia Awards Scholarship conditions

Applicants who want to accept an Australia Awards Scholarship will need to sign a contract with the Commonwealth of Australia declaring that they will comply with the conditions of the scholarship. These include:

- Recipients must commence the Scholarship the year in which it was awarded as it cannot be deferred except for reasons provided in the Scholarships Policy Handbook.
- Recipients must be enrolled on a full-time basis and make satisfactory academic progress.
- Recipients must satisfy all visa conditions and university regulations.
- Recipients are required to return to Sri Lanka for at least two years after completing their Scholarship, to contribute to economic and social development of the country.
- Recipients are not permitted to hold any other Australian Government-sponsored scholarship for the duration of the Scholarship.
- Recipients must fully cooperate with the monitoring and evaluation of the Scholarship, including participation in activities such as surveys, alumni profiles and tracer studies both during their stay in Australia and on return to Sri Lanka.

Recipients who do not honour these conditions will be required to leave Australia and may be required to repay the value of the Scholarship.

Find out more

Visit our website www.australiaawardssrilanka.org

Australia Awards information – Australian Government website:

<https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/how-to-apply-for-an-australia-awards-scholarship.aspx>

www.australiaawards.gov.au

www.dfat.gov.au

www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-participating-institutions

Study in Australia:

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook:

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook>

Australian University courses: <http://cricos.education.gov.au/>

English language testing www.ielts.org | www.ets.org/toefl | www.pearsonpte.com

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Make a difference with an Australia Awards Scholarship

Do you want to be a leader in your field and make a difference in Sri Lanka? Applications for study commencing in 2022 are now open.

An Australia Awards Scholarship provides you with the opportunity to gain an internationally recognized qualification from an Australian University. Your career will benefit from new knowledge, leadership skills and the links you create both in Australia and through our global alumni network to make a vital contribution to the economic and social development of Sri Lanka.

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Australia Awards Scholarships for Sri Lanka will be offered to undertake Master's degree programs and are open to eligible applicants from public, private sectors, NGOs and other civil society sectors. Applicants will be assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to positively contribute to Sri Lanka's development.

Priority Fields of Study

The priority fields of study for Sri Lanka are:

- Health Security - public health, health management, health and wellbeing, pandemic control, epidemiology, food security, counselling, psychosocial counselling, and clinical psychology.
- Stability – development studies, disability studies, human resource management, humanitarian and disaster management, law, political science, project management, public administration, public policy, statistics, social and economic inclusion, environmental resource management, gender studies, political science, psychology, sociology.
- Economic Recovery – economics, agriculture economics, business administration, customs administration, development economics, educational management, fisheries and aquatic resources, finance, information and communications technologies, international finance, international trade, maritime studies, mathematics, tourism and hospitality, trade and investment, urban planning.

Australia Awards promotes equity and broad participation by all groups in society.

The Australian Government values contributions from all people. It seeks equity and broad participation by all groups in society. This includes women, people with disability, people from traditionally-marginalised groups and people working in the following priority districts comprising of Ampara, Jaffna, Mannar, Polonnaruwa, Puttalam, Batticaloa, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya, Badulla, Ratnapura, Trincomalee, Mullaitivu, Anuradhapura, Moneragala and Nuwara Eliya.

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Australia Awards Benefits

- Full payment of tuition fees
- Contribution to living expenses
- One off establishment allowance on arrival
- 4 to 6 week Introductory academic program
- Supplementary academic support
- Overseas Student Health Cover
- Return air travel
- Reunion airfare (for Australia Awards recipients whose family members do not accompany them)
- Fieldwork (for research purposes only)

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must have completed a tertiary qualification equivalent to at least an Australian bachelor's degree
- Be currently employed with at least three years post-qualification experience in a relevant field
- An IELTS (academic) overall score of at least 6.5 with no band less than 6.0
- Or TOEFL internet-based score of at least 79 with a minimum of 21 in all sub-tests
- Or PTE Academic overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50.
- Scores must be valid at 1 January 2022.
- Applicants working in Priority districts, and applicants with a disability or those working in the disability sector will be considered with an overall IELTS band score of at least 6.0 with no band less than 5.0 (or equivalent PTE or TOEFL score).

For more information on general eligibility criteria please download and read the [Australia Awards Scholarship Policy Handbook](#).

Online Applications

Applications must be submitted online using the [Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System \(OASIS\)](#). Only applications submitted on OASIS will be accepted.

For more detailed information on how to apply, you may register for an information session with the Australia Awards Sri Lanka office via phone at 0115772977 – 80, 0762517205 and 0778823309 or email us at inquiries@australiaawardssrilanka.org.

Apply now for your opportunity to gain a world class education and become an emerging leader for development with strong links to Australia.

For more information please visit the [Australia Awards Sri Lanka website](#).