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17 February 2022



Secretary General to the Parliament / The Parliament
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Attn: Officer in-charge of Foreign Training

Dear Sir,

Australian Awards Scholarships (AAS) – Intake for Academic Year 2023

The Government of Australia has invited applications from eligible Government officials of Sri Lanka for the above scholarship programme for the academic year 2023.

The objective of the AAS is to enhance and strengthen the capacity of human resources in the public sector by providing knowledge, skills and qualifications and thereby improving the quality services for the general public while enhancing the economic growth of Sri Lanka. Scholarships are awarded on condition that participants should actively engage in development activities of Sri Lanka.

The eligible applicants with experience and ability to contribute for the development in the sectors of Economic Recovery, Stability & Health Security will be considered for AAS.

Therefore, well qualified and committed personal who can acquire wider knowledge and benefits from this programme and make use of them for the development of the country in an effective manner can be nominated for the programme.

The following points are highlighted for your kind attention;

- Applicants must complete their application online on or before the deadline of 29th April 2022.
- Public sector applicants who are selected for an Australia Award Scholarship must submit a copy of the completed application form together with letter of Ministry approval and the “ERD form” once they are selected.
- Applicants are strongly advised to apply online well before the closing date via <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>
- All relevant details on the programme is attached (Annex 1) and applicants are strongly advised to carefully go through the annex 1 prior to applying for the scholarship.

We would highly appreciate if you could kindly circulate this letter among all the agencies which are coming under the preview of your Ministry and encourage qualified officials to apply for this Scholarship programme.

Yours faithfully

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Australian Awards Scholarships (AAS) – Intake for Academic Year 2023

Priority Sectors

The eligible applicants with experience and ability to contribute for the development in the sectors of economic Recovery, Stability & Health Security will be considered for AAS.

- Scholarships in the priority sector of **Economic Recovery** included 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 and Urban Planning.
- Scholarships in the **Stability** included Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience, Development Studies, Disability Studies, Environmental Resource Management, Gender Studies, Human Resource Management, Humanitarian and Disaster Management, Law, Political Science, Project Management, Psychology, Public Administration, Public Policy, Social and Economic Inclusion, Sociology and Statistics.
- Scholarships in the priority sector of **Health Security** included Clinical Psychology, Counselling, Epidemiology, Food Security, Health and Wellbeing, Health Management, Pandemic Control, Psychosocial counselling and Public Health.

Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at www.australiaawardssrilanka.org

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

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| Ampara | Batticaloa | Trincomalee |
| Jaffna | Kilinochchi | Mullaitivu |
| Mannar | Vavuniya | Anuradhapura |
| Polonnaruwa | Badulla | Moneragala |
| Puttalam | Ratnapura | NuwaraEliya |

AAS has been focused to enhance the individual candidate's decision-making ability by way of providing wide range of knowledge and skills through their Master' Programme, so that they can use them for the economic and social development of the country. However, this depends on the commitments and the well performance of the candidate.

Therefore, you are kindly requested to nominate well qualified and committed personal who can acquire wider knowledge and benefits from this programme and make use of them for the development of the country in an effective manner. It is also necessary to ensure that the development plans are implemented by them upon their return.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, applicants must also meet the following country specific conditions.

- be a citizen of Sri Lanka
- An IELTS (Academic) score of at least 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 1st January 2023.**
- They must be employed in the public sector, and following criteria must be confirmed by an employment letter. (see*** in table of supporting documents below)
- They 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.
- They must have an academic or professional background relevant to their proposed study programme.
- They must have completed a tertiary level qualification at least equivalent to an Australian Bachelor's degree.

How to Prepare

In order to be applying for AAS, applicants must:

- Select preferred courses carefully. Applicants will not be able to change the course that they have selected except in exceptional circumstances. The course must have a clear link to the applicant's prior experience and support the applicant to contribute to development outcomes on their return to Sri Lanka.
- Submit a complete application with all necessary attachments, before the deadline. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

How to Apply

- **Online Applications**

We strongly advise applicants to apply online and to do so well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays. Apply online at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

- **Supporting documents**

Applicants must submit their application with all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook.

- **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

Required supporting Documents

The following documents must be submitted by all AAS applicants at the time of application. Failure to provide these documents at the time of application will result in the applicant being deemed ineligible.

| 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 01 st January 2023 | Proof of English language proficiency | Yes |
| Employment Letter* | Other Document | No |
| 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 |
| Any other document you wish to upload ensuring your eligibility | Other Document | No |

*Template available at: www.austrailaawardssrilanka.org

• Information Session

Information sessions for potential applicants will be scheduled during the application period.

Applicants must complete their application online on or before the deadline of 29th April 2022.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships at the end of the selection process will be required to submit a valid Police Clearance Certificate at the time of visa application.

Public sector applicants who are selected for an Australia Award Scholarship must submit a copy of the complete application form, letter of Ministry approval and the “ERD form” once they are selected.

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:

- <https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships.aspx>
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at: <http://aid.dfat.gov.au/Publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>

Commitments of Candidates for the development of the country mainly will be assessed based on the details given in their applications. Therefore, candidates are kindly requested to pay their attention about this matter when they fill up their applications.

You are kindly requested to circulate this letter among all the agencies which are coming under the preview of your Ministry and encourage to apply all qualified officials for this Scholarship programme. It is also requested to grant official leave once they are selected to the programme.

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