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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : All Undersecretaries
All Assistant Secretaries
All Service Directors
All Bureau Directors
All Regional Executive Directors
All Heads of Attached Agencies

FROM : The OIC Director
Human Resource Development Service

SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE AUSTRALIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP
2024

This refers to the letter dated February 2023 of Ms. HK Yu PSM, Ambassador, Australian Embassy, requesting the DENR to disseminate and encourage DENR qualified personnel to apply for the Australia Awards Scholarship 2024. The list of available courses and more information about the program is accessible at the Australia Awards Philippines website: <https://australiaawardsphilippines.org>

Interested applicants shall possess the following qualification requirements of the DENR:

1. Have at least two (2) years holding permanent plantilla position in the DENR at the time of application;
2. Have obtained performance ratings of at least Very Satisfactory for the last two (2) consecutive rating periods;
3. Performing duties and responsibilities relevant to the field of study/travel being applied for;
4. Have no pending administrative case;
5. Have no pending application and nomination for other study and non-study trips;
6. Have not exceeded four (4) official foreign travel within a year;
7. Have submitted all the required reports from previous foreign travels
8. Have rendered the required service obligation for a scholarship previously enjoyed;
9. Must be willing to conduct a master's thesis aligned to the priority programs of the Department or related topics to be identified/approved by the DENR;
10. Must be willing to sign a scholarship service contract and shall serve the DENR with the corresponding period of service obligation;
11. Must not be a delinquent scholar; and
12. In good mental and physical health.

The nominee shall submit the following requirements to Career Development Division-HRDS **on or before 27 March 2023**:

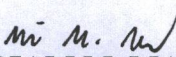
1. Memorandum addressed to the Chair of the Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC), attention HRDC Secretariat to be endorsed by Head of Office and concurred by Supervising Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary;
2. Resolution from HRDC Counterpart recommending the nomination of the applicant;
3. Service Record;
4. Certificate of no pending administrative case;
5. Certification from the Director supervising human resources/Assistant Regional Director for Management Service/Assistant Director (Region/Bureau/Attached Agency) stating that the applicant:
 - a. has no pending scholarship nomination;
 - b. has not been a delinquent scholar from a previous scholarship grant;
 - c. has submitted all the required reports from previous foreign travels.
6. Updated Personal Data Sheet, with Work Experience Sheet, duly signed by authorized person administering oath; and
7. Self Certification of official Travel History for the past 24 months;

The DENR HRDC shall screen and select qualified candidates to the program. Selected candidates will be notified and endorsed to the Australian Embassy to the Philippines, to proceed with the application/admission process.

Attached are the invitation and Australia Awards Scholarship information, for reference.

Should you need further information about the requirements, please communicate with the HRDC Secretariat at email address: hrdcs2020@gmail.com or telephone: (02) 8927-9107 or VOIP 1063.

For your information and appropriate action.


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Australia Awards

Philippines

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in the Philippines

Australia's international development assistance in the Philippines helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

Australia Awards scholarships 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 the Philippines.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for the Philippines are:

- Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Management (including Maritime, Mining, and Energy)
- Digital Economy and Cyber Security
- Education
- Foreign Relations
- Governance and Public Policy (including Civil Society, Media, and Foreign Relations)
- Health (including Public Health and Mental Health)
- Humanitarian, Disaster Risk, and Climate Change Management
- Infrastructure and Smart Cities
- Law and Justice
- Peace and Development
- Trade and Economics

The governments of Australia and the Philippines 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: australiaawardsphilippines.org.

Level of study

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

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

- **Master's**
 - Open category – Individuals who intend to pursue studies in the identified priority areas of study
 - Targeted category – Applicants nominated by partner Philippine government agencies whose respective mandates support the mutual priorities of Australia and the Philippines and the Philippine Development Plan



- **Doctoral:**¹ Applicants pursue studies in priority areas aligned with ongoing Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)–Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) projects

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, and
- disability support (as needed).

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 and australiaawardsphilippines.org/forms/prequal.

Country-specific conditions

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

- resident of the Philippines for at least 12 months,
- has at least two years' cumulative work experience,
- not hold another scholarship,
- master's degree holder (for doctoral applicants), and
- **John Allwright Fellowship – Philippines requirements** (for doctoral applicants).

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2024:

Opening date: 1 February 2023

Closing date: 1 May 2023 (11:59PM AEST)

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

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online at australiaawardsphilippines.org.

Supporting documents

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

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for the Philippines:

- Re-entry Action Plan (REAP): Outlines a project, which applies the knowledge and skills gained from the applicant's Australian education and training towards Philippine development;
- Affidavit of citizenship and residency;
- Certification of Grade Point Average/General Weighted Average; and

¹ **John Allwright Fellowship - Philippines** – This program is jointly undertaken between the **Philippines Department of Science and Technology (PCAARRD and Science Education Institute)** and **ACIAR** with the support of Australia Awards.

- Letter from the head of agency endorsing the scholarship application, and the minutes of meeting of the scholarship committee endorsing the nominees (for targeted category applicants only).

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, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in the Philippines through the REAP; and
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than July 2023.
- 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.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

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

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Philippines can be found at australiaawardsphilippines.org.

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid 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 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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