

Australia Awards Scholarships – Bhutan

Study commencing in 2026

Priority fields of study

The priority fields of study identified for Australia Awards Scholarships for study commencing in 2026 reflect the development needs of Bhutan and priorities agreed between the Australian Government and the Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB). They align with the objectives of Australia's bilateral and regional aid programs.

Applicants must apply for **only one** field of study for which their parent agency nominates them. However, applicants can submit more than one university preference in their applications.

Applicants are encouraged to carefully consider study program and institution preferences before applying.

Priority fields of study for Master's by coursework/research applicants under the purview of the Royal Civil Service Commission

| | Development Theme | Agency/Sector | Field of Study | Target Group | Required Academic Background |
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| 1 | Economic Growth | Cross Sector | Agricultural Innovation (Marketing, Processing, Production, Storage, Transportation, etc.) | Technical Service and Administration Service | Bachelor's degree in a relevant field. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements. |
| | | | Economics | Administration Service, Finance Service, and Education Service (Lecturers and Economics Teachers) | A Bachelor of Economics (joint degree in economics not eligible, for example, Eco with EVS & Geography etc). In addition, applicants must meet university/ course-specific requirements. |
| | | | Mining and Production (Engineering Geology/ Geophysics/Geotechnical Engineering, and Ore Deposit Geology) | Technical Service (to be transferred to relevant agencies on completion of the course) | Bachelor's degree in a relevant field. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements. |
| 2 | Education | Ministry of Education and Skills Development (MoESD) | Mental Health (Mental Health/Rehabilitation Counselling, and Wellbeing & Positive Mental Health in Education, etc) | Counselors | Bachelor's degree in a relevant field. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements. |
| | | | Special Education | Education Service (both Primary & Secondary School SEN Teachers) | Bachelor's degree in a relevant field. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements. |
| 3 | Governance | Cross Sector | Emerging Technologies and Innovation (Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Data Analytics, Data Science, Machine Learning, etc) | ICT Service | Bachelor's degree in a relevant field. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements. |

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| | | | Human Resource Management | Administration Service (to be transferred as HR Officer to relevant agencies on completion of the course). | Bachelor's degree in any discipline. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements. |
| | | | Laws | Judiciary, Legal and Legislative Services | A Bachelor of Laws (LLB). In addition, applicants must meet university/course-specific requirements. |
| | | | Statistics | Statistical Officers | Bachelor's degree in a relevant field. In addition, applicants must meet university/course specific requirements. |

Note: A bachelor's degree must be equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree. According to the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF), a four-year bachelor's degree from Bhutan is accepted as equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree. However, if applicants have completed a three-year bachelor's degree, an additional one-year full-time Postgraduate Diploma may be required for the degree to be considered equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree, unless it is from a Section 1 university. Approach the Australia Awards-Bhutan for clarification.

Social inclusion

Australia Awards Scholarships are offered based on merit, transparency and equal access. Applications are strongly encouraged from eligible women, people with disability and people working in rural areas.

Female applicants

At least 50 percent of the Scholarships will be offered to qualified women applicants. Family members can join scholars, but certain conditions apply—see the ***Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook***. School-going children can access free public education in Australia and childcare facilities are available (on a payment basis), if required.

Disability support

Reasonable disability support (academic and non-academic) is provided to recipients with disability based on a 'needs' assessment with the objective of allowing their participation on an equal basis with other recipients—see the ***Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook***.

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