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Australia Awards
Laos – Intake 2023



Australia Awards Laos

Do you want to be a leader in your field and join an inspiring network of changemakers?

Australia Awards scholarships in Laos

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

Australia Awards scholarships (AAS) 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 Laos.

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

Applicants living with a disability and people living in the provinces are entitled to additional support and are strongly encouraged to contact the Laos Australia Institute (LAI) Scholarships Team (see contact details on the last page).

Fields of study supported by the AAS

In recognition of the genuine development challenges across all sectors in Laos, applications are encouraged from all fields of study, **except for general business courses and education management.**

Applicants should select courses that align with their experience and qualifications or provide a strong justification for courses that represent a shift in career focus or direction.

Priority fields of study

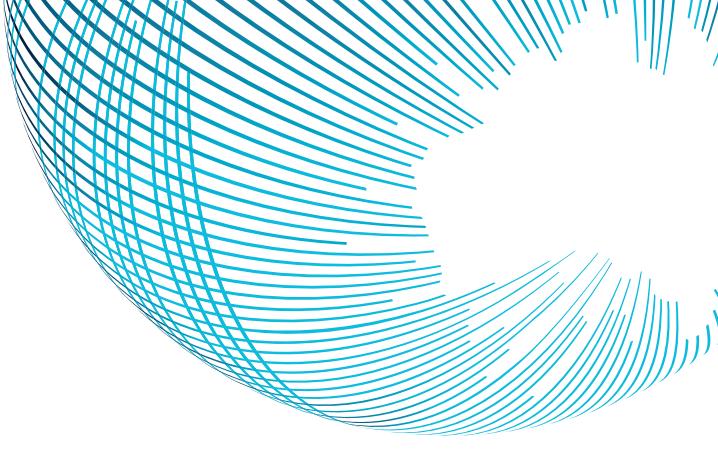
For Intake 2023, the joint decision on the priority list below is based on the Laos COVID-19 Development Response Plan by the Australian Government and the list of priorities of the Lao Government.

- **Health Security:** public health, emergency operation management, communicable disease outbreak management, epidemiology, linkages between human and animal health, gender-based health care, medical technology, mental health and psychology;
- **Stability:** basic education, stability in food and water supply, water resource management, human rights, gender equality, disability and social inclusion;

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Australia Awards Scholarship Intake 2023 Ambassadors – Ms Somvilay Thongkhamvilay and Mr Saichai Leelianou

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- **Economic Recovery:** public financial management and economic governance, international trade, infrastructure management, information technology, engineering and logistics; and
 - **Sustainable Environment:** environmental management, disaster management, forest and wildlife conservation, forestry resource management and urban planning.

The governments of Australia and Laos 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: <https://www.australiaawardslaos.org>

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Laos with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution, including technical colleges.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2023 within the following allocations:

- **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**¹: diploma and advanced diploma,
- **Master's degree**, and
- **Doctorate degree (PhD)**

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

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

Previous Australian government scholarship recipients who are planning to apply for an Australia Award this year are required to have resided outside of Australia for twice the length of the total time they were in Australia, as of 30 April 2022. For example, if you completed a master's degree in Australia from January 2016 to December 2017, you are eligible to apply for another Australia Award after December 2021.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, applicants from Laos must also meet the following conditions:

- be a citizen of Laos (only);
- on the application closing date, be aged between 18 and 50 years old;
- have been residing in the Lao PDR for a minimum of two years as of 30 April 2022 (exceptions may be considered for Government Officials who have had diplomatic postings overseas); and
- provide all of the required supporting documents listed under "Supporting documents".

VET applicants:

- must have completed upper secondary school; or
- currently studying at tertiary level; or
- who already have a diploma or a bachelor's degree, must have a minimum of two years' work experience and be seeking qualifications to fill a skills shortfall or to change career direction.

Master's degree applicants:

- must hold a bachelor's degree; and
- must have a minimum of two years' work experience.

Note: Those who already have a Masters Degree (including from overseas) are eligible to apply, but may be given lower priority.

PhD applicants:

- must hold a master's degree;
- must have a minimum of three years' work experience relevant to a postgraduate qualification.
- must have an IELTS Certificate of overall score of at least 6.5 with no individual band less than 6.0 obtained after 1 August 2021.

Note: IELTS test fee reimbursement will be paid to PhD applicants who meet all eligibility criteria.

¹ Vocational Education and Training (VET) was known as Technical and Further Education (TAFE)

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia, and for English and Academic Preparation commencing in Laos, in 2023:

Opening date: 1 February 2022

Closing date: 29 April 2022

(20:59 Laos Time or 23:59 Canberra Time)

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

The application process

Information on how to apply online and the supporting documents can be found at **Australia Awards Laos**.

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through **OASIS**:

When applying online, all supporting documents must be uploaded to meet the specific eligibility requirements for Laos.

We strongly advise applicants to apply online 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.

For those who have no access to the internet and/or people living with a disability who need help to apply, kindly contact our Scholarships Team at LAI (see contact details on the last page).

The selection process

The selection process includes:

- application eligibility checking,
- an independent assessment of eligible applications against the selection criteria,
- a shortlisting,
- IELTS testing,
- interviews for shortlisted applicants with the requisite IELTS scores, and
- a moderation process taking into account gender, disability, government, non-government and private sectors, levels and areas of study.

Selection criteria

Applicants will be assessed and interviewed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Laos
- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.

Note: Gender balance and other agreed targets may be applied to the selection process.



Mr Saichai Leelianou

A Government Official, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
Master of Arts (International Relations)
Flinders University (completed in 2020)

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the table below.

Please note that documents do NOT have to be certified at the time of application.

Applicants should note that a failure to provide all of the required documents may lead to the application being deemed ineligible.

If you are unable to obtain any required documents, you should contact the Scholarships Team to discuss this as early as possible in the preparation of your application.

Document	Document type	Checklist
All applicants		
Valid National Identity Card (Lao), Family Book (Lao) OR Passport	Proof of citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Curriculum Vitae (Applicants must use the CV template referred to on Australia Awards Laos Website) - Maximum of 4 pages (except Research applicants, please see below)	CV or resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Public Sector/Government Official applicants		
Government of Laos approval letter, dated, signed and stamped by a representative of your personnel department or head of your department. (Applicants must use the template referred to on Australia Awards Laos Website).	Employer or Nominating Authority Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
VET applicants		
All official upper secondary diploma and/or tertiary education degree(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Degree certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
All official upper secondary diploma and/or tertiary education transcript(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Academic transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
For high school graduates or university/college students only, please also submit: - all official year 10-12 upper secondary school academic transcript(s). - all official university/college academic transcript(s) where relevant. Copy of the original and an English translation.	Academic transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Masters applicants		
All official tertiary education degree(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Degree certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
All official tertiary education transcript(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Academic transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
PhD applicants		
All official tertiary education degree(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Degree certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
All official tertiary education transcript(s). Copy of the original and an English translation.	Academic transcript	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
IELTS Certificate of overall score of at least 6.5 with no individual band less than 6.0. This certificate must be obtained after 1 August 2021.	Proof of English language proficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Research applicants only (Masters and PhD)		
Two referee reports, at least one must be from an academic supervisor. The second referee report can be a current or former supervisor in a relevant field. Applicants must use the report template available on the Australia Awards Laos website.	Referee report	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
List of publications relevant to the research proposal.	List of publications	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
A detailed Research Proposal (as submitted to the supervisor in Australia).	Other document	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
A letter from a supervisor in Australia stating his/her in-principle support for the research proposal that has been provided.	Other document	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Curriculum Vitae (applicants must use the CV template referred to on Australia Awards Laos Website) - maximum of six pages.	CV or resume	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

IELTS requirements

To proceed to the interview, applicants must hold a valid Academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS) result with an overall score of at least 5.5 (no sub-band less than 5.0).

LAI will sponsor one IELTS test for candidates passing the application assessment round who have yet to meet the minimum IELTS requirements above.

Applicants holding an IELTS overall score of at least 6.5 with no individual band less than 6.0 will bypass the IELTS test sponsored by LAI.

Preference for interview consideration will be given to applicants with higher English language skills.

Note: PhD applicants must meet IELTS requirements specified on the country specific conditions section (page 3) of this document.

Australia for ASEAN Scholarship

Ten students will be selected for an **Australia for ASEAN Scholarship**, a prestigious enhanced award announced to mark the Australia-ASEAN Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and to advance the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP). This is available at Masters level only.

Selected students will also participate in an Indo-Pacific Emerging Leaders Program, which will provide a range of learning, networking and development opportunities.

The priority areas of study for an Australia for ASEAN Scholarship are the four key areas of the AOIP:

- Maritime
- Connectivity
- Economic
- Sustainable Development Cooperation

Information on priority areas of study is available on the ASEAN website: <https://asean.org/speechandstatement/asean-outlook-on-the-indo-pacific/>

Outcomes

All applicants will receive notification at each stage in the selection process if their application is not proceeding further. Applicants who are interviewed will be notified of the outcomes as soon as possible after the selection process concludes in late August 2022.

Successful applicants will remain provisional until meeting the following requirements, or the scholarship offer will be withdrawn:

- the provisional awardee attains the minimum English language requirement for placement, and no less than an overall IELTS score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0.

- the provisional awardee is placed at an Australian university;
- the provisional awardee is issued with the relevant visa by the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

Provisional awardees will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- a pre-departure briefing
- their university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia
- English and Academic Preparatory Training

English and Academic Preparatory Training

Successful applicants holding:

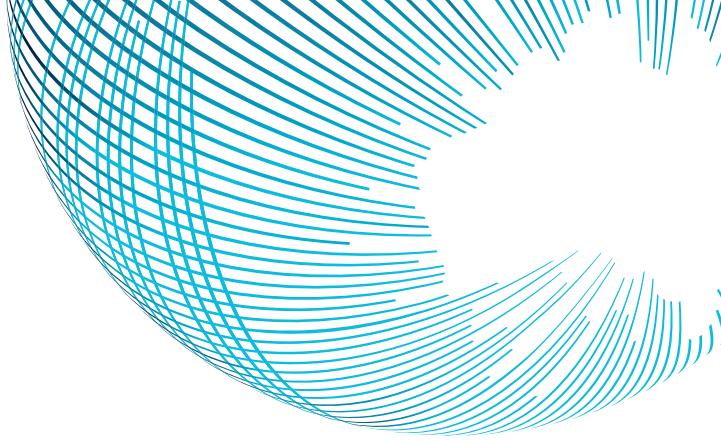
- overall IELTS score of at least 6.5 with no band less than 6.0 may receive an offer for an Academic Readiness Course (ARC) program in Vientiane of up to 5 weeks.
- overall successful applicants with an overall IELTS score of at least 6.0 with no band less than 5.5, and within half point of the score required for course placement may receive an offer for an English and Academic Preparation (EAP 6.0) program in Vientiane of up to 6 months.
- overall IELTS score of 5.5 with no band less than 5.0, and within one point of the score required for course placement, or other successful applicants at the discretion of LAI, may receive an offer for an English and Academic Preparation (EAP 5.5) program in Vientiane of up to 12 months (or more for people with a disability).

Provisional awardees are not permitted to undertake employment during any preparatory training. Short absences only from the course may be considered on a case-by-case basis.



Ms Somvilay Thongkhamvilay

An Associate Emergency Operation Program, Clinton Health Access Initiative (Lao PDR)
Diploma of Community Services Work
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE (Completed in 2015)



Key Australia Awards Scholarships Intake 2023 dates*

Promotion activities	
Information Session: Disability Advocates and potential applicants with disability, at Muong Thanh Luxury Hotel, Vientiane	Thursday 3 February 2022 (Afternoon session: 14:00-16:00)
Information Session: Government applicants and Ministry representatives, at Muong Thanh Luxury Vientiane Hotel, Vientiane	Friday 4 February 2022 (Morning session: 10:00-12:00; Afternoon session: 14:00-16:00)
Information Session: All Applicants, at Muong Thanh Luxury Hotel, Vientiane	Saturday 5 February 2022 (Morning session: 10:00-12:00; Afternoon session: 14:00-16:00)
Information Session: Luang Prabang (venue and time to be announced)	Wednesday 9 February 2022
Information Session: Oudomxay (venue and time to be announced)	Thursday 17 February 2022
Information Session Live on Facebook page: Australia in Laos	Monday 21 February 2022 (time to be announced)
Information Session: Champasak (venue and time to be announced)	Wednesday 23 February 2022
Special Q&A Live on Facebook Page: Lao Youth Radio FM 90.0 Mhz	Thursday 10 March 2022 (19:30-20:30)
Australian Education Exhibition in Vientiane (Online)	Wednesday 16 March 2022 (details to be announced)
Support Session for applicants with a disability	Wednesday 23 March 2022
Support Session for Government applicants and Ministry representatives	Thursday 24 March 2022
Support Sessions for women applicants	Wednesday 30 March 2022
Application process	
Application Opening and Closing Dates	Tuesday 1 February – Friday 29 April 2022 (20:59 Laos Time)
Compliance screening, data entry and reporting (eligibility checking)	Tuesday 3 – Friday 13 May 2022
Independent Assessment of applications and Shortlisting	Monday 9 – Tuesday 31 May 2022
Selection process	
Shortlist for IELTS	Wednesday 8 June 2022
IELTS tests	Thursday 16 & Saturday 25 June 2022
Shortlist for Interviews	Tuesday 12 July 2022
Interviews	Monday 18 – Friday 29 July 2022
Formal Provisional Awards Offer	Late August 2022
Formal Offer for English and Academic Preparation	Late August 2022

* LAI may need to change the dates of the information sessions, so applicants should visit our website at www.australiaawardslaos.org periodically for updates.

* Due to COVID-19, you need to pre-register to attend our Information Sessions and get more updates of the sessions via this link: <https://bit.ly/AAS2023-InfoSession>

* Applicants are encouraged to attend an Information Session, however, please follow **Australia in Laos** on Facebook to access videos and Facebook Live Information Sessions, reminders and tips.

* Provincial applicants (and others) are especially encouraged to also contact LAI by [email](#) or phone with questions once they have viewed the videos and read this brochure.

Australia Awards Participating Institutions

Australian Capital Territory

Australian National University: www.anu.edu.au
University of Canberra: www.canberra.edu.au
Canberra Institute of Technology: www.cit.edu.au

New South Wales

Australian Catholic University: www.acu.edu.au
Charles Sturt University: www.csu.edu.au
Macquarie University: www.mq.edu.au
Southern Cross University: www.scu.edu.au
University of New England: www.une.edu.au
University of New South Wales: www.unsw.edu.au
University of Newcastle: www.newcastle.edu.au
University of Sydney: www.usyd.edu.au
University of Technology, Sydney: www.uts.edu.au
University of Wollongong: www.uow.edu.au
TAFE New South Wales: www.tafensw.edu.au
Western Sydney University: www.westernsydney.edu.au

Northern Territory

Charles Darwin University: www.cdu.edu.au

Queensland

Aviation Australia: www.aviationaustralia.aero
Bond University: www.bond.edu.au
Central Queensland University: www.cqu.edu.au
Griffith University: www.griffith.edu.au
James Cook University: www.jcu.edu.au
Queensland University of Technology: www.qut.edu.au
TAFE Queensland: www.tafeqld.edu.au
University of Queensland: www.uq.edu.au
University of Southern Queensland: www.usq.edu.au
University of the Sunshine Coast: www.usc.edu.au

South Australia

Carnegie Mellon University: www.australia.cmu.edu
Flinders University: www.flinders.edu.au
TAFE SA: www.tafesa.edu.au
University of Adelaide: www.adelaide.edu.au
University College London: www.ucl.ac.uk/australia
University of South Australia: www.unisa.edu.au

Tasmania

Tas TAFE: www.tastafe.tas.edu.au
University of Tasmania: www.utas.edu.au

Victoria

Box Hill Institute TAFE: www.boxhill.edu.au
Bureau of Meteorology Training Centre: www.bmtc.moodle.com.au
Chisholm Institute: www.chisholm.edu.au
Deakin University: www.deakin.edu.au
Federation University: www.federation.edu.au
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE: www.holmesglen.edu.au
Kangan Institute: www.kangan.edu.au
La Trobe University: www.latrobe.edu.au
Melbourne Polytechnic: www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au
Monash University: www.monash.edu.au
RMIT University: www.rmit.edu.au
Swinburne University of Technology: www.swinburne.edu.au
The Gordon Institute of TAFE: www.thegordon.edu.au
University of Melbourne: www.unimelb.edu.au
Victoria University: www.vu.edu.au
William Angliss Institute of TAFE: www.angliss.edu.au

Western Australia

Curtin University: www.curtin.edu.au
Edith Cowan University: www.ecu.edu.au
Murdoch University: www.murdoch.edu.au
University of Western Australia: www.uwa.edu.au

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards — Laos can be found at:
www.australiaawardslaos.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.aspx
- 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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