SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE YEAR 2018 INTAKE

The Government of Australia has announced Master Lever Awards for the year 2019 (copy enclosed) in following disciplines:

- Health (limited to public health and nutrition)
- Education (including early childhood, basic and higher education)
- Economic growth (including agriculture, rural development, international trade and economics, mining, water resource management and business)
- Good Governance and Stabilization
- Gender equality.

2. Furthermore, it is stated that in 2019, Australia will offer 40 to 50 Australia Awards Scholarships to Pakistani citizens and at least half of Australian Awards aimed for females. At least 50 percent of these are reserved for public policy practitioners, reformers and leaders. Scholarship will also be awarded to professionals working in civil society and the private sector. Australian Awards details are annexed.

3. Officers/officials of all Ministries, Divisions and Provincial Governments are requested to apply through online process of Australian High Commission as well as send the NoC to Economic Affairs Division after approval from the competent authority for the said program.

4. The information/details regarding the above said Awards/program are also available on EAD’s website i.e www.cad.gov.pk

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All Ministries/Divisions/Departments/Provincial Governments
Pakistan
Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Pakistan

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 Pakistan.

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

Priority fields of study
The priority areas of study for Pakistan are:
• economic growth
• gender equality
• good governance and stabilisation
• education
• health (limited to public health and nutrition)

Applications are encouraged from professionals working in public and private sectors and civil society.

Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: http://www.australiaawardspakistan.org

Level of study
Australia Awards Scholarship provide citizens of Pakistan with the opportunity to obtain a Masters qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

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

Country-specific conditions
In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Pakistan must also meet the following conditions:
• be a Pakistani citizen currently residing in Pakistan
• have completed 16 years of education and five years of relevant work experience
• not be above 45 years of age at the time of submitting the application
• have valid IELTS or TOEFL results that meet the English Language Proficiency requirements outlined in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook
• submit a Development Impact Plan which outlines clear objectives and motivations to contribute to development in Pakistan
• return to Pakistan at the completion of their study for at least two years.
Australia Awards Scholarship
2019 Field of Studies

Australia Awards Scholarships are an important component of Australia’s international development assistance to Pakistan. The Scholarships aim to contribute to the long-term needs of developing countries by providing opportunities for individuals to obtain qualifications at Australian tertiary institutions, so that they can contribute to development in their home country. This means that if you are offered this Scholarship, at the completion of your studies you must return to Pakistan to contribute to the development of the country for at least two years.

The Priority Development Sectors and associated Fields of Study for studies commencing in 2019 are listed below.

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Australia Awards Scholarships Information for study commencing in 2019
Australia Awards Scholarships Pakistan 2019 Eligibility Checklist

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

It is a precondition of accepting an Australia Awards Scholarship that Australia Awards recipients return to their home country following their Scholarship to take up a position that utilises their study for a minimum period of two years.

To be eligible, applicants must:

• be a Pakistani citizen currently residing in Pakistan for at least the past 24 months
• not have applied for or be entitled to permanent residency or citizenship in Australia or New Zealand
• satisfy Australian Government requirements for international student visas for entry to Australia (health, character etc.)
• be able to provide a Police Security Clearance Certificate at the time of visa application
• not hold another scholarship
• not have held a foreign scholarship in the 24 months preceding the application (calculated from the date of arrival back in Pakistan to the closing date for receipt of applications)
• be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course already commenced in Australia (ongoing study programs will not be supported)
• be able to take up the Scholarship in the year for which it is offered
• have outlined a case that is clear about their objectives and motivation to make a contribution to development in Pakistan
• apply for courses that fall within the priority development sectors identified for Pakistan
• satisfy the admission requirements of the Australian tertiary institution and the course to be undertaken
• have an academic background relevant to the proposed study in Australia
• be applying for a Master's degree-level course
• have completed 16 years of education
• not be above 45 years of age at the time of submitting the application form
• have at least five years of work experience in the field in which they are applying. Internships and volunteer work will not be considered as work experience
• submit a Development Impact Plan (DIP) that clearly articulates how the proposed field of study could add value to improving the level and standard of service delivery, particularly in the priority development sectors and in promoting pro-poor development
Australia Awards Scholarships Pakistan
Required supporting documents for applications for study commencing 2019

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Applicants for Master’s degree by research:
- Evidence (letter or email communication) that the applicant has received in-principle support for their research topic from a potential supervisor at the university
- Research proposal (include a proposed methodology, timeline and a brief literature review)

Notes:
- Referee reports in other than the prescribed format will not be accepted and will make applications ineligible. Contact Australia Awards Pakistan to clarify this requirement, if necessary.
- Experience shows that it takes time for supervisors to complete referee reports. Approach supervisors as soon as possible to obtain up-to-date referee reports. References should come from employers, senior colleagues or academics familiar with the applicant’s academic and professional skills and achievements.
Disability Inclusive Development Fact Sheet

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that people with disabilities are included in, and equally benefit from Australia’s development assistance. The objective of Australia’s work in disability inclusive development is to improve the quality of life of people living with disabilities through:

- Enhancing participation and empowerment of people with disabilities, as contributors, leaders and decision makers in community, government and the private sector.
- Reducing poverty among people with disabilities.
- Improving equality for people with disabilities in all areas of public life, including service provision, education and employment.

The Australian Government works with partners, people with disabilities and their representative organisations to achieve this, recognising the vital role of people with disabilities in effective disability inclusive development.

Disability Inclusion and Australia Awards

Australia Awards provide opportunities for the next generation of global leaders, including those with disabilities, to study in Australia. Australia Awards proactively encourages, selects and supports awardees with disabilities to complete Masters-level Scholarships aligned with the priority sectors.

Principles and Procedures for Disability Support in the Australia Awards Scholarships

Additional support is provided to people living with disability at all stages of the Scholarship cycle. Applicants with a disability are encouraged to notify the Australia Awards office as early as possible, preferably when applying for an Australia Award Scholarship.

Early and full notification of a disability will not negatively affect the assessment of an applicant’s eligibility and will enable us to provide appropriate support throughout the application and placement process (including any support that may be required in meeting eligibility requirements).

Reasonable adjustments will be provided to allow awardees with disability to participate in their Scholarship on an equal basis with all other awardees. Each awardee’s support requirements will be different and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Australian universities have an obligation to provide students with disabilities reasonable adjustments to support their academic endeavours, such as additional training and/or access to assistive technology. Australia Awards will provide ‘non-academic’ reasonable adjustments to ensure that awardees with disability are adequately mobilised and supported, and have a positive experience in Australia.

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When I was one year old, I contracted polio and suffered post-polio paralysis in my left leg. Growing up, I wanted nothing more than to work for other people with disability, that’s why I started the Society for Promotion of Education and Employment for Disabled (SPEED).

In 2012, I was awarded an Australia Awards Scholarship to pursue a Master of Development Studies from the University of Melbourne. My scholarship was given to me based on merit and not on a disability quota, because the Australia Awards ensured that my disability did not become a drawback for me during the selection process.

My experience in Australia is extremely valuable to me. I was impressed by the non-discriminatory attitude of Australians towards one another; embodying the words “we are one but we are many”. Mobility was never an issue for me.

Whether catching a bus, a tram or a taxi, shopping malls, public events and college or university, students who live with a disability will find a lot of support across Australia.

The University of Melbourne provides extremely high standards of accessibility and facilitation for people living with disability. Wheelchair access, restrooms, in class assistance, counselling and any other support that a student might require to focus on their studies. The university also has a Disability Support Officer, who provides necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments to the environment and learning materials to ensure equal participation of students with disabilities.

My university provided me with a free parking ticket valid till the end of my scholarship and an electric scooter for mobility inside the university. Towards the end of my studies, I fractured my better leg. My leg was put in a cast and the doctor suggested a complete rest for six months. But thanks to the Australia Awards staff, I was able to get a career to help me with everyday tasks such as cooking, doing laundry and cleaning my room, etc.

The Australia Awards Scholarship has changed my life. I can now work towards the betterment of society and other disabled persons with greater vigour and expertise. In 2015, I joined the Government of Pakistan Polio Eradication Initiative / Expanded Program on Immunization (PEI/EPI).

That year the highest number polio related cases were from Khyber agency (76 out of 306).

The skills I’ve gained through my Australian degree helped me train my team and perform my duties well, and as a result, in 2016 there were no cases of polio reported in Khyber Agency. I dedicate this achievement to Australia Awards.