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| Palestinian Territories |
| Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship |

### Australia Awards scholarships in the Palestinian Territories

### 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. Scholarships are open to Palestinian residents of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem.

### Australia’s international development assistance in the Palestinian Territories focuses on economic growth and basic services for refugees. Our objectives are:

* improved public financial management and a more competitive agriculture economy in the Palestinian Territories.
* Palestinian refugees in the Palestinian Territories and across the region can access quality basic services.

**Australia Awards Scholarships for the Palestinian Territories commencing study in 2020**

Applicants will be assessed on their professional and personnel qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in the Palestinian Territories.

Applications from women and people with disability are strongly encouraged.

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for the Palestinian Territories that align with the development priorities of the Palestinian Territories are:

* Public policy
* Public financial management
* Agriculture
* Water resources management

 **Australia Awards Scholarships in the Palestinian Territories do not support engineering or medical degrees.**

### Level of study

Scholarships are provided at Masters level at an Australian tertiary institution. **Australia Awards Scholarships to the Palestinian Territories do not include PhD level degrees**.

### 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 generally receive the following:

* payment of tuition fees
* return air travel
* a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
* 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 research component where fieldwork is a compulsory component.

#### Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: **http://** [dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

 In addition, candidates from the Palestinian Territories must also meet the following country-specific conditions:

 For Palestinian Authority employees:

 • applicants must have a documented IELTS score

 of 5.5 when applying to be considered for

 conditional awards

* priority will be given to candidates who do not already hold a Masters degree
* priority will be given to candidates who have not received a scholarship from other scholarship programs
* be an employee of the Palestinian Authority with at least two years’ experience
* have the support of their Ministry to return to work on completion of the scholarship
* have a bachelor degree
* receive a final endorsement from their line ministry

Non-Palestinian Authority candidates must:

• have a Bachelor degree

• have a documented IELTS score of 5.5 when applying to be considered for conditional awards

• must return to work in the Palestinian Territories on completion of the scholarship

### Application dates

### For study commencing in Australia in 2020

Opening date: 1 February 2019

Closing date: 30 April 2019

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

### The application process­

#### Online applications

**Apply online at** <http://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

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.

#### Supporting documents

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

Notes: Applicants are required to carefully research study programs and institutions before applying. Once the application is submitted, no change will be allowed.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for the Palestinian Territories.

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| Document type | Certified |
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| Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate /passport if available and photographic identification i.e. student card/drivers licence if passport is not available |

 | Yes |
| Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level)  | Yes |
|  Academic transcripts (where they are not in English, please provide a certified English translation) | Yes |
| Academic Referee Reports (with seal: two reports for Masters by Research applicants; one for Masters by Coursework applicants  | No |
| IELTS, TOEFL or PTE results  | Yes |
| Employment Referee report with seal (same template as above)  | No |
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| Curriculum Vitae  | Yes |

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### The selection process­

 Following eligibility checking, applications will be assessed. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

• academic competence

• potential impact on development outcomes in the

 Palestinian Territories

• professional and personal leadership attributes.

Short listed applicants only will be interviewed.

**Preparatory training**

You will be required to complete the following preparatory training and or testing, to include with your application:

• IELTS-International English Language Testing System to

 assess English language competence

All successful applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing.

**Outcomes**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted by June 2019*.*

For successful candidates—a conditional award may be offered, which is an offer of an Australia Awards Scholarship pending approval for the candidate of a valid Australian visa and approved enrolment for the candidate by an Australian university.

An award becomes confirmed once a contract is signed by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the candidate at the end of the application process.

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| Further informationInformation about the Australia Awards—Palestinian Territories can be found at;

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| **http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards.aspx**  |

Information about visas and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: **http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx** More general information about the Australia Awards and studying in Australia can be found at: [www.dfat.gov.au](http://www.dfat.gov.au)**www.studyinaustralia.gov.au**  Contact detailsAustralia Awards—Palestinian TerritoriesAddress: Trust building – Al Bireh, RamallahTelephone: 972 2 2425301Fax: 972 2 2428290Email: m ervat.ziadeh@dfat.gov.au |