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Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership (AA-MAP) Scholarships



Applications open: 1 February 2026
Applications close: 30 April 2026 (11:00 Bangkok time)



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What is AA-MAP?
Fully funded Masters scholarships for emerging leaders from **Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar** to study in Australia in the thematic areas of MAP.





Why AA-MAP?
Australia supports a resilient and inclusive Mekong subregion that pursues joint solutions to shared and transboundary challenges.



Priority Fields of Study

- ✓ Climate Resilience
- ✓ Water Security
- ✓ Economic resilience and subregional integration
- ✓ Combatting Transnational Crime
- ✓ Gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion (GEDSI)





Mekong Leaders Network

The exclusive on-award enrichment program includes a series of activities for AA-MAP scholars to connect with alumni, strengthen their capacity, and equip them to address shared and transboundary challenges.

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What are the AA-MAP priority fields of study

Water Security

- Water resources and sustainable management
- Catchment science
- Integrated water management
- Water & Disaster Risk Reduction
- Sediment & Erosion Processes
- Water Contamination & Remediation
- Hydrology/Hydrogeology
- Aquaculture
- Aquatic Ecosystems & Freshwater Ecology
- Fisheries Management
- River Basin Management & Governance
- Sustainable Water Supply Systems
- Watershed Modelling

Combatting Transnational Crime

- International/criminal law
- Criminology
- Prosecution and Judicial system
- Anti-corruption & Governance Integrity
- Border Security/ Border Management
- Maritime security/sustainability
- Criminal Law
- Digital and Forensic Science
- Counter Trafficking & Human Security
- Cyber Security
- Cyber Policy & Cyber Governance
- Environmental Crime & Illicit Timber/Wildlife Trade

Gender equality, disability equity and social inclusion (GEDSI)

- Gender studies
- Gender & development
- Disability policy and practices
- Disability service
- Inclusive Education
- Human rights, gender-based health care
- Social work
- Social policy and social protection
- Inclusive service delivery

Climate resilience

- Climate/environmental adaptation and resilience
- Renewable energy
- Energy Transition / Energy Systems
- Sustainable development
- Rural development
- Disaster management & Disaster Risk Reduction
- Forest and wildlife conservation
- Natural resource management
- Infrastructure and transport
- Environmental management
- Sustainable agriculture and food stability
- Sustainable tourism
- Construction management (climate resilient)
- Landscape Restoration/ Ecosystem Management

Economic resilience and subregional integration

- Economics
- Economic governance
- Agricultural economics
- International trade
- Agribusiness
- Public financial management
- Food science and technology
- Logistics and supply chain management
- Regional stability
- Critical technology
- Customs & Trade Facilitation
- Data Science for Economic Analysis
- AI and robotics
- Digital transformation
- Digital communication & Multimedia
- Information technology
- Multi-media communication
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- Hospitality management
- Quality and standard management
- Construction and infrastructure management
- Public administration and policy
- Industry & Innovation Policy

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AA-MAP Benefits

- ✓ return air travel
- ✓ a one-off establishment allowance on arrival in Australia
- ✓ 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
- ✓ all costs associated with the on-award enrichment program: the *Mekong Leaders Network* ★
- ✓ reasonable adjustments for applicants and scholars with disabilities



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The Mekong Leaders Network

AA-MAP scholarship recipients participate in an exclusive on-award enrichment program - the Mekong Leaders Network or the MLN.

The MLN builds enduring connections among AA-MAP scholars and alumni and builds their understanding/capacity in addressing shared and transboundary challenges.

MLN activities include:

- workshops, training sessions, and dialogues
- digital storytelling
- community of practice.



★ Who can apply?

Eligibility criteria specific to Thailand

- ✓ **Be a citizen of Thailand**, with no dual or additional citizenship.
- ✓ Be a **resident in Thailand for a period of at least 24 months** as of 30 Apr 2026.
- ✓ Have at least **24 months' full-time (or part-time equivalent) work experience** as of 30 Apr 2026.
- ✓ Declare all **previous study** undertaken.
- ✓ Hold a **Bachelor's degree**.
- ✓ Must have an **English language test result** obtained after 1 January 2025 that meets Australia Awards requirements.
- ✓ Provide all the **required documents** with English translations.

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Social inclusion at application stage

Applications are strongly encouraged from

- women
- people with disability
- ethnic minority groups and
- people from targeted provinces*

*Applicants from targeted provinces are people who were born in and attended high school in one of the listed provinces:
 Ang Thong, Chiang Rai, Mae Hong Son, Narathiwat, Nong Bua Lamphu, Pattani, Phatthalung, Phayao, Ranong, Sa Kaeo, Satun, Sisaket, Tak, Ubon Ratchathani, and Yala

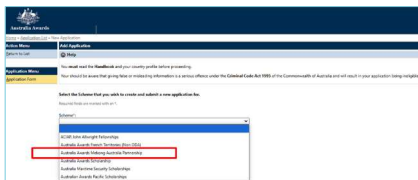


Reasonable adjustments for applicant with disability

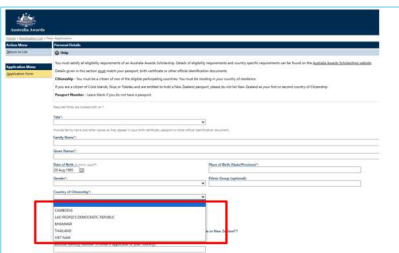
Applicants with disability may request for appropriate adjustments during application and study phases to reduce barriers such as reading exam content, providing scribes, and other tailored accommodations.

How to apply? (1/3)

Submit your application at <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>



Select the Scheme: Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership



Select citizenship: Thailand

Polish your supporting statement

★ How to apply? (2/3)

Get the right course!

CRICOS - Commonwealth Registry of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students

cricos.education.gov.au

Course Search

Search Criteria Search Results

63 courses were found.
To display a particular course's details please click on the course name in the list below.

Course Name	Provider	Level	Duration (Wks)
Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) / Master of Project Management	Queensland University of Technology (QUT)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	260
Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental) (Honours) / Master of Engineering (Civil)	RMIT University	Masters Degree (Coursework)	260
Bachelor of Geographical and Spatial Science and Master of Environmental Science	The University of Western Australia (UWA)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	208
Master of Agriculture and Environment	The University of Sydney	Masters Degree (Coursework)	78
Master of Built Environment	The University of New South Wales (UNSW)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	52
Master of Combined Studies in Environment / Conservation Biology	Macquarie University (Macquarie)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	156
Master of Combined Studies in Environment / Marine Science and Management	Macquarie University (Macquarie)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	156
Master of Earth and Environmental Sciences / Sustainable Development	Macquarie University (Macquarie)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	156
Master of Earth and Environmental Sciences	University of Wollongong (UoW)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Engineering (Environmental Engineering)	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Engineering (Environmental)	The University of Adelaide (Adelaide)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Engineering (Environmental)	Adelaide University	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Engineering (Professional) in Environmental Engineering	Macquarie University (Macquarie)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Engineering in Environmental and Safety Engineering	Macquarie University (Macquarie)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Environment	Macquarie University (Macquarie)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Environment	The University of Melbourne (UnitMab)	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Environment	Griffith University	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Environment	Australian National University	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Environment (Advanced)	Australian National University	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104
Master of Environment and Climate Emergency	Curtin University	Masters Degree (Coursework)	104

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Showing courses with course level containing 'Masters Degree (Coursework)'; course name containing 'environment'

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★ How to apply? (3/3)

Submit the required documents as part of the application

Required Documents (in English or with English translations)

- All official university degree certificate(s)
- All official university transcripts of results for complete and incomplete courses of study.
- Evidence of personal identification and date of birth e.g. passport, National ID card, birth certificate
- Evidence or statements from current or previous workplace(s) confirming the 24-month work experience.
- Curriculum Vitae* use the template in DFAT Australia Awards website
- Minimum 1 referee report from professional or academic referees*
- Evidence at the time of application of a minimum English language proficiency
- For Thai government officials only - Employer approval to apply for an Australia Award

Master's by Research – Additional Documents

1. Minimum 2 academic referee reports
2. Unconditional Letter of Offer from intended university

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English Language Test Results

For general applicants

Must submit a valid (taken after 1 January 2025) English Language Test results in OASIS.

The minimum English Language Test score is:

- **IELTS Academic**
overall score of at least 6.5
with no band less than 6.0
- **TOEFL iBT**
score of at least 84
with a minimum of 21 in all subtests
- **PTE Academic**
overall score of at least 58
with no communicative skill score less than 50

For applicants with disability, applicants from ethnic minority groups or applicants from targeted provinces*

English language test results are **optional** at application stage. The results will be required at the interview round.

If you proceed to the interview round, we will arrange and cover the cost of one IELTS test.

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How can I submit a strong application?

Ensure eligibility

- **Understand the AA-MAP scholarships**
- **Ensure you provide the required supporting documents.**
- **Submit** before the deadline.

Get shortlisted

- **Select MAP related course.**
- **Strengthen your written responses**
 - **Q1** Why you select the **proposed courses**?
 - **Q2** How will the study **contribute to your career**?
 - **Q3** How have you contributed to solving a challenge and/or create a change?
 - **Q4** How do you intend to use what you will gain from the scholarship?

Prepare to win the Award

Be yourself and prepare well for the interview

- ✓ Your motivation
- ✓ Your study plan/research plan
- ✓ Your future plans

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Selection Process & Key Dates

For study commencing in 2027

1 February 2026	Applications open
30 April 2026	Applications close (11:00 Bangkok time)
Mid-June 2026	Shortlisted applicants notified
July 2026	Interviews for shortlisted candidates
August/September 2026	Successful applicants notified
30 November – 18 December 2026	Three-week preparatory training
November 2026	Mekong leader network (5 days)
December 2026	One-day pre-departure briefing
January 2027	Awardees depart for Australia

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Common questions

Can I apply if I already have a master's degree?

Yes, if you do not have a PhD and your proposed study does not duplicate your previous qualifications. It is important that you clearly demonstrate why and how the AA-MAP scholarship will enable you to address shared and transboundary challenges in the Mekong subregion.

Do the master's programs I apply for have to be related to my job?

Not necessary. As long as you clearly demonstrate in your application why and how the AA-MAP scholarship will enable you to address shared and transboundary challenges in the Mekong subregion.

Can I use AI to polish my application?

Yes. If you have used AI only for limited productivity tasks such as check spelling and grammar and your responses are entirely your own ideas and words.

- **Your application must reflect your genuine experiences, goals, and motivations.**
- **You have not inserted AI generated content into the application.**

Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence and may result in your disqualification.

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Important links

Key website to find all information

Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership

<https://australiaawardsmap.org/>

Learn about Australia Awards and get CV template

Australia Awards website

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards>

Find any answers you may have about the scholarships

Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook>

AA-MAP Thailand information sheet

Information for Applicants from Thailand

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/participating-countries/thailand-australia-awards-intake-information>

Apply for the scholarships

Application portal – OASIS

<https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

Find the right course

CRICOS

<https://cricos.education.gov.au/>

Have questions

Contact us at

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