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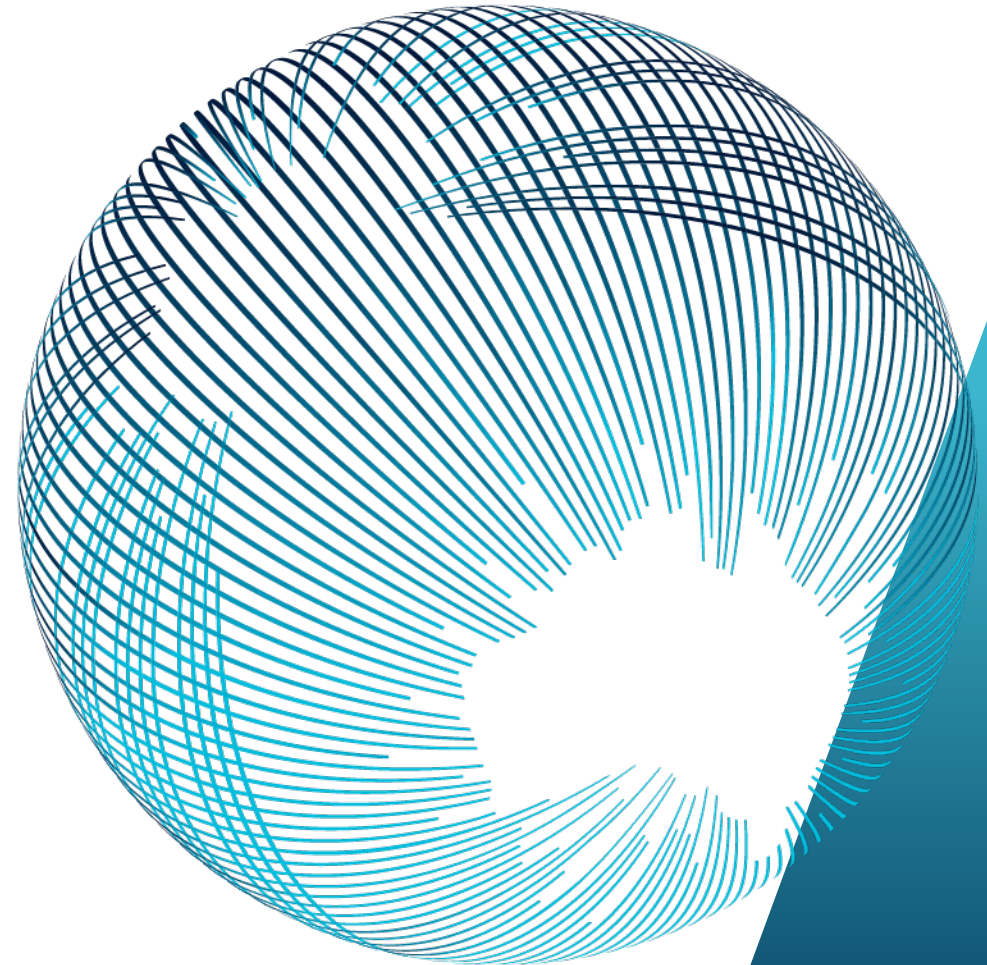
# Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership (AA-MAP) Scholarships

*Online Information Session*

*18 March 2026 (13:00 – 15:00 UTC+7)*

***Application open: 1 February 2026***

***Application close: 30 April 2026 (11:00 UTC+7)***



## Mekong-Australia Partnership (MAP)

### What's MAP?

The Mekong subregion – Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar is important to Australia.

Australia is working with the Mekong subregion to tackle shared development challenges and ensure a peaceful, stable and prosperous region.

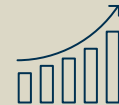
### What are we doing in Mekong subregion?



Improving water security and climate change resilience.



Countering and disrupting transnational crime.



Enhancing the economic resilience of the subregion.



Building leadership and skills through scholarships and short courses.



Supporting inclusive development, including considerations of gender and disability.

## Australia Awards Scholarships

Australia Awards are prestigious, transformational scholarships offered to emerging leaders from across the Indo-Pacific region. Australia Awards are targeting the development of human resource capacity of partner countries within mutually agreed sectors and development priorities.



Australia Awards Scholarships provide opportunities for people from developing countries, particularly those countries located in the Indo-Pacific region, to undertake postgraduate study at participating Australian universities.

Through study and research, scholarship recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

★ Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership Scholarship  
<https://australiaawardsmap.org/>

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



## What is AA-MAP?

Fully funded Masters scholarships for emerging leaders from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Myanmar to study in Australia in MAP thematic areas.



## Why AA-MAP?

Support a resilient and inclusive Mekong subregion that pursues joint solutions to shared and transboundary challenges.

# 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)



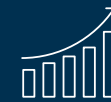
- Gender studies
- Gender & development
- Disability policy and practices
- Disability service
- Inclusive Education
- Human rights, gender-based health care
- Social work
- Social policy and social protection
- Inclusive service delivery

## 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

## Australia Awards MAP Alumni



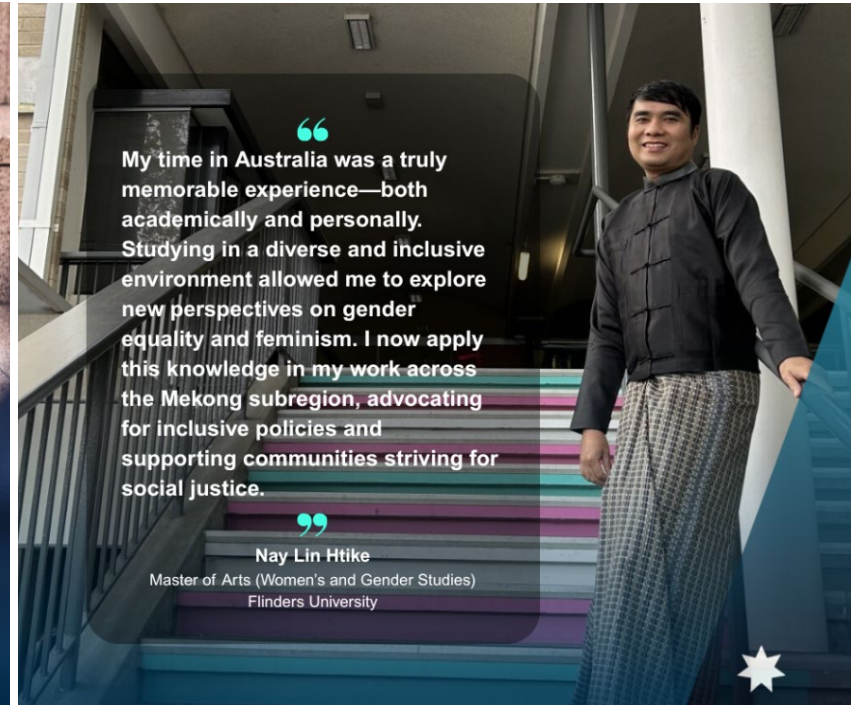
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The Australia Awards Scholarship gave me the opportunity to join the MAP Leadership Program, where I participated in a three-day workshop in Sydney. There, I engaged with leaders from across the Mekong region, sharing insights and learning about each country’s challenges. This experience broadened my perspective on regional development, and I now apply this knowledge to drive Human Resources development and talent growth in Laos, creating opportunities for a stronger workforce.”

Alilath Detvongsone  
Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation  
The University of Queensland



“  
My time in Australia was truly unforgettable. Pursuing a master's degree at UNSW in Sydney not only sharpened my academic skills but also led to lifelong friendships and countless memorable experiences—from late-night study sessions to surfing lessons and beach outings. These connections will continue to grow, fostering stronger ties and possibly bringing future benefits to the Mekong subregion.”

Sirin Satthatips  
Master of Construction Project Management  
and Property Development  
The University of New South Wales



“  
My time in Australia was a truly memorable experience—both academically and personally. Studying in a diverse and inclusive environment allowed me to explore new perspectives on gender equality and feminism. I now apply this knowledge in my work across the Mekong subregion, advocating for inclusive policies and supporting communities striving for social justice.”

Nay Lin Htike  
Master of Arts (Women's and Gender Studies)  
Flinders University

## Why Study in Australia?

**97%**

*ranked globally  
THE World  
University  
ranking*

**3 in top 10**

*THE Global  
Impact  
Rankings on  
UN SDGs*

**9 in top 100**

*QS World  
University  
rankings  
including  
2 in top 20*

**6 in top 100**

*Global  
Employability  
University  
Ranking  
and Survey*



## 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



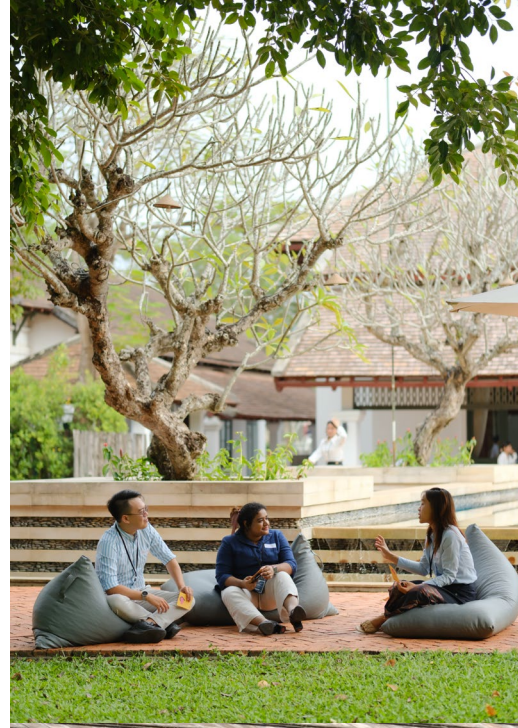
## The Mekong Leaders Network

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.



# On-Award Enrichment Activities



## Social inclusion

Applications are strongly encouraged from

- women
- people with disability
- ethnic minority groups and
- other marginalised groups

### 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.



## Steps to follow:

- ✓ To be eligible, applicants must meet all eligibility criteria for their country:

Cambodia → <https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/australia-awards-cambodia-information-for-intake.pdf>

Laos → <https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/australia-awards-laos-information-for-intake.pdf>

Thailand → <https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/australia-awards-thailand-information-for-intake.pdf>

Vietnam → <https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/australia-awards-vietnam-information-for-intake.pdf>

Myanmar → <https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/australia-awards-myanmar-information-for-intake.pdf>

and meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook:

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/aus-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.pdf>

- ✓ Select field of study aligned with MAP's key thematic areas (as in the previous slides):

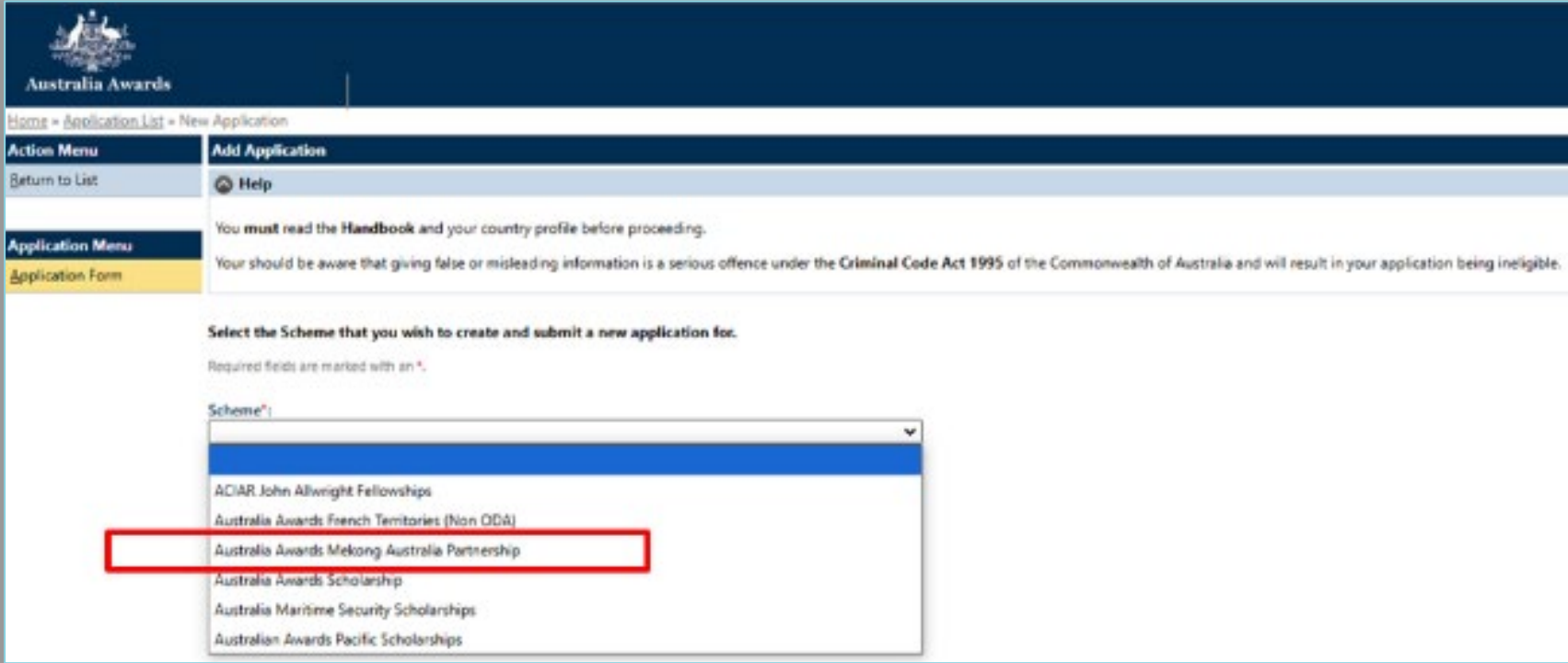
<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/mekong-australia-partnership>



# ★ How to apply? (1/3)

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

## 1. Create a new application



The screenshot shows the 'Australia Awards' application form. The page title is 'Australia Awards' and the breadcrumb is 'Home > Application List > New Application'. The 'Action Menu' includes 'Return to List'. The 'Application Menu' includes 'Application Form'. The 'Add Application' section contains a 'Help' icon and text: 'You must read the Handbook and your country profile before proceeding.' and 'You should be aware that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the Criminal Code Act 1995 of the Commonwealth of Australia and will result in your application being ineligible.' Below this is the instruction 'Select the Scheme that you wish to create and submit a new application for.' and a note 'Required fields are marked with an \*'. The 'Scheme\*' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of schemes: 'ACIAR John Allwright Fellowships', 'Australia Awards French Territories (Non ODA)', 'Australia Awards Mekong Australia Partnership' (highlighted with a red box), 'Australia Awards Scholarship', 'Australia Maritime Security Scholarships', and 'Australian Awards Pacific Scholarships'.

## 2. Select the Scheme: Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership

# ★ How to apply? (2/3)

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

The screenshot shows a web-based application form for a scholarship. On the left is a navigation menu with 19 items, where '15. Supporting Statement' is highlighted. The main content area contains three large text input fields for questions 1, 2, and 4. Question 1 asks why the applicant chose their course and institution. Question 2 asks how the study will contribute to their career. Question 4 asks for practical examples of how the applicant will use the knowledge and skills from the scholarship, and lists possible constraints. Below the text boxes are several dropdown menus for selection, including a development theme, connection to DFAT staff, criminal/civil proceedings, previous convictions, and disability status. A footer contains a disclaimer about the institution's role in providing support for students with disabilities and buttons for 'Previous', 'Undo Changes', and 'Next'.

Required fields are marked with an \*

1. Why did you choose your proposed course and institution\*?

2. How will the proposed study contribute to your career\*?

3. How have you contributed to solving a challenge and to implementing change or reform? (Be specific and include: what aspect/s of your leadership knowledge, skills and practice you consider to be well established and effective; which people or organisations you worked with to solve the problem; and what creative methods were used.)\*

4. Please:- a) give up to three practical examples of how you intend to use the knowledge, skills and connections you will gain from your scholarship. Possible tasks can be personal and/or professional; and b) list any possible constraints you think may prevent you from achieving these tasks.\*:

Please indicate one Development theme that is most relevant to your application, even though it may be relevant to more than one.\*

Do you currently have any connection or relationship to any staff employed at DFAT Posts or with DFAT's managing contractors?\*

Are you subject to any criminal or civil proceedings that are currently awaiting legal action?\*

Have you ever been convicted of an offence in any country? (including any conviction which is now removed from official records)\*:

Do you identify as having a disability?\*

\*Under Australian law, disability includes physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological, learning disabilities, physical disfigurement, and the presence in the body of disease-causing organisms ([http://www.hscoc.gov.au/disability\\_rights/da\\_guide/who/who.html](http://www.hscoc.gov.au/disability_rights/da_guide/who/who.html))

DFAT strongly encourages applications from people with disability who are otherwise eligible for a scholarship. Under the Disability Discrimination Act, Australian education institutions have to provide 'reasonable adjustments' to students with disability to assist access to study. To assess the likely support needs, appropriate assistance, and the capacity of relevant institutions to provide the assistance, awardees with a disability/special need must provide details of the disability and/or special need when they accept their offer. This information is bound by Australian privacy laws and will be disclosed only for the purpose of facilitating an accessible barrier-free learning environment.

Modifications to physical or learning environments, including additional educational supports such as sign interpreters and captioning, may be available depending on the relevant Institution's capacity. DFAT will advise the Institution of any special requirements associated with an Awardee so that the Institution can pass these details to the Institution's Disability Liaison Officer prior to the Awardee arriving on-campus. Where an Institution is not able to provide the assistance requested, other Institutions may be recommended.

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Answers to Question 1,2 and 4 should emphasise on regional collaboration and addressing transboundary issues.

# ★ How to apply? (3/3)

Explore the course and institutions and get the CRICOS code.

## CRICOS - Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students

[cricos.education.gov.au](http://cricos.education.gov.au)



CRICOS
Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students

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**Welcome to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS)**  
 This is the official Australian Government website that lists all Australian education providers that offer courses to people studying in Australia on student visas and the courses offered.

Course Search

Use this search to find information about courses offered by Australian education institutions.



Institution Search

Use this search to find information about Australian educational institutions.

Additional information about registration of institutions and courses for overseas students

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### 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) | Flinders 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 Combined Studies in Environment / 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 (UniMelb)     | 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'

## 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**

[dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards](https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards)

**Find any answers you may have about the scholarships**

**Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook**

[dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook)

**Apply for the scholarships**

**Application portal – OASIS**

[oasis.dfat.gov.au/](https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/)

**Find the right course**

**CRICOS**

[cricos.education.gov.au](https://cricos.education.gov.au)

**Have questions**

**Contact us at**

[infoawards@mapsupportunit.org](mailto:infoawards@mapsupportunit.org)

# Selection Process & Key Dates

For study commencing  
in 2027

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1 February 2026 | Applications open                       |
| 30 April 2026   | Applications close (11:00 Bangkok time) |
| November 2026   | Mekong leader network (5 days)          |
| January 2027    | Awardees depart for Australia           |

Other important dates e.g. interview and pre-departure briefing depend on your country.

## Common Question

**Can I apply for both Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS) and Australia Awards Mekong-Australia Partnership (AA-MAP) Scholarship?**

Yes, you can!

**Can I copy and paste my AAS and AA-MAP application?**

Yes, but the more your application can showcase why your chosen study courses and future plan are relevant to MAP, the more chance you will get shortlisted.

**Which scholarship is easier to get?**

It depends on how strongly you answer the application questions. Focus on aligning with Mekong development priorities, showing your contributions and commitments, and explaining how you'll use the scholarship for regional impact after.

**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.