

AUSTRALIA - BECAS

AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (ADS) ***AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT - AusAID***

60 Australian Development Scholarships are available during 2011 for courses that commence in Semester 1, 2012. Scholarships will be offered at Masters and PhD level. Applicants for ADS with leadership qualities, academic merit and a commitment to and potential impact on development outcomes for their country and region may have the scholarships upgraded to an **Australian Leadership Award (ALA) Scholarship**. Any candidate who is upgraded to an ALA Scholarship will be provided with opportunities to enhance their leadership capacity and extend their professional networks, over and above their formal program of study at the university.

PRIORITY SECTORS.

- **Water:** public and community access to ground and surface water; improved policy development and effective water management; identifying and reducing the impact of mining, agriculture and industry on the water table; water saving methods.
- **Natural Resource Management:** good environmental practice; increased employment generation; adapting crops and products to the effects of climate change; increasing food security; community engagement in decision making.
- **Mining industries:** improving the social impact of mining operations; promoting a more equitable distribution of the benefits; increased opportunities for skills development to improve local employment; improved environmental management and practice associated with mining.
- **Governance:** the development and implementation of public policy; improved financial practices and accountabilities at the central and provincial levels; increased engagement of Community Sector Organisations with the planning and allocation of public funds and resources; increased transparency.
- **Rural Livelihoods:** local support and policies that lead to improved operation of small holder properties; improved quality of produce for market; providing micro-finance for starting up small scale enterprises; improved skills for enhanced local employment options.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

The choice of study program is the personal choice of each applicant. Applicants should only consider courses that align with the Priority Sectors (see above) and that are available from participating universities: <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/ads-institutions.cfm>

Applicants must, by 31 May 2011, complete the application either electronically or with a hard copy Application Form and send it (together with the other Required Documentation) to the Australian Embassy in Santiago de Chile (see Contact Information below).

The Australian Government encourages applicants with disability to apply.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION.

In addition to the Application Form applicants are required to provide:

- Proof of citizenship, i.e. birth certificate/passport and photograph;
- IELTS or TOEFL results;
- Official post-secondary and tertiary certificates/degrees;
- Official translations of post-secondary and tertiary certificates/degrees;
- Official post-secondary and tertiary transcripts of results;
- Referee Reports.

These required documents should be provided in electronic form as part of the application if it is lodged electronically. For applicants completing the hard copy Application Form, these required documents should be provided in hard copy together with the Application Form.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

To be eligible applicants must:

- **have the education requirements necessary to be admitted into the nominated level of study at an Australian university:**
- be a citizen and full resident of Peru;
- be employed at a national or provincial or local government agency or statutory authority, Community Sector Organisation or private company;
- have relevant work experience in one of the Priority Sectors;
- have the IELTS (or TOEFL-equivalent) score required by the university for the preferred course:
 - applicants must either attach their test result to the application, or provide evidence that they have sat the test and are awaiting the result or provide a receipt indicating that they are booked to sit a test before 15 June 2011.

CLOSING DATE: 31 May 2011

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Australian Development Scholarships

Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) are long term development awards administered by AusAID.

ADS are a highly valued form of development cooperation and aim to contribute to the long term development needs of Australia's partner countries to promote growth and stability. They provide opportunities for people from developing countries to undertake full time undergraduate or postgraduate study in Australia.

ADS equip scholars with the skills and knowledge to drive change and influence the development outcomes of their own country through obtaining tertiary qualifications at participating Australian higher education institutions and technical colleges.

ADS are available for full-time undergraduate or postgraduate study, from Certificate level to PhD at participating Australian universities and Technical and Further Education (TAFE) institutions.

Fields of study are targeted to address agreed priority human resource and development needs of recipient countries, in line with Australia's bilateral aid program, and regional objectives.

The number of scholarships and fields of study are determined annually by each ADS participating country and in accordance with the Australian Government's bilateral development assistance program. Some countries may limit the level of study (technical, undergraduate or postgraduate) and give priority to certain fields of study to better meet development needs and Australia's specific aid objectives for each country.

Award recipients are required to return to their country of citizenship for two years after they have completed their studies to contribute to the development of their country.

Scholarship benefits

ADS are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the Australian higher education Institution, including any preparatory training. The following benefits generally apply:

- full tuition fees
- return air travel—payment of a single return, economy class airfare to and from Australia, via the most direct route
- establishment allowance—a once only payment of A\$5,000 as a contribution towards accommodation expenses, text books, study materials
- Contribution to Living Expenses (CLE) is a fortnightly contribution to basic living expenses paid at a rate determined by AusAID. From 1 July 2009, CLE payable to students studying under the Australian Development Scholarship (ADS) is A\$25,000
- Introductory Academic Program (IAP)—a compulsory 4-6 week program prior to the commencement of formal academic studies covering information on life and study in Australia.

- Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) for the duration of the award (for award holder only)—provided to cover the student's basic medical costs (with the exception of pre existing conditions)
- Pre-course English (PCE) fees—if deemed necessary PCE may be available for students for in-country and/or in-Australia training
- Supplementary Academic Support (Tutorial Assistance)—may be available when essential to improve the student's performance to ensure their academic success
- fieldwork (for research students only)—may be available for eligible research students for **one** return economy class airfare via the most direct route to their country of citizenship or within Australia.

ADS conditions

Applicants who are offered an Australian Development Scholarship will be required to sign a contract with the Commonwealth of Australia declaring that they will comply with the conditions of the scholarship and the ADS Handbook before the ADS comes into effect. Partner governments may also apply their own separate conditions to the scholarship.

The most significant condition relating to the award is that students are required to return to their country of citizenship for at least two years after completing their scholarship, to contribute to the economic and social development of their country. Failure to do so will incur a debt to the Commonwealth of Australia for the total value of the scholarship

Frequently Asked Questions

What can I study?

An ALA Scholarship enables candidates to undertake studies leading to a Masters or Doctorate degree in Australia. It does not include Graduate Diplomas, with the exception of those Masters courses that require the completion of a Graduate Diploma as part of the Masters degree.

Study programs must relate to your country's [priority areas](#) for development which may be one or more of the following:

- disability
- disaster risk reduction
- economic growth
- education
- environment
- food security
- gender equality
- governance
- health
- HIV/AIDS

- pandemics
- human rights
- infrastructure
- regional stability
- rural development
- water & sanitation.

What can't I study?

AusAID Development Awards are not available for training in areas related to flying aircrafts, nuclear technology or military training.

Can I apply for both an ALA Scholarship and an Endeavour Scholarship?

Yes, you may apply for other scholarships. However, you may accept only one. For example, if you accept the ALA Scholarship you cannot hold any other Australian Government-sponsored scholarship (such as an Endeavour Scholarship) for the duration of the ALA Scholarship.

Can I apply for a scholarship if I'm intending to migrate or if I have permanent residency?

AusAID development awards are not available to intending migrants or those who have Australian Permanent Residency. They are for people committed to returning home immediately after completing their studies in Australia to contribute to their country's development. Intending migrants should **not** apply.

