



Australian Government



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DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

South Asia Scholarships Program

## Development Awards

The Australian Government will open applications for its Development Awards scheme on 1 February 2012 for study to commence in Australia in 2013. Applications will close on 30 April 2012.

Development Awards will be offered under the Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) scheme for employees from the public and open sectors. A small number of ADS candidates who present leadership qualities will be offered an Australian Leadership Award in addition to their scholarship. This will not require an additional application.

Individuals considering applying for a scholarship are strongly encouraged to sit for the IELTS or TOEFL exam well in advance of the opening of the Development Awards on 1 February 2012.

An IELTS overall score of 6.5 (Academic module) with no band less than 6.0 or an equivalent TOEFL paper/internet based test score valid until 1 January 2013 **must** be submitted with a scholarship application.

However, an IELTS overall score of 6.5 (Academic module) with no individual band less than 5.0 or an equivalent TOEFL paper/internet based test score valid until 1 January 2013 can be submitted with a scholarship application by all female applicants and applicants from the traditionally marginalised groups.

There is generally a high demand for IELTS and TOEFL testing between March and April each year. To avoid delays, prospective applicants are encouraged to book an examination place as early as possible. Prospective applicants without a valid passport may need to apply for a passport immediately to book the examination date.

For more information related to the Australian Government's Development Awards, please visit [www.aisaid.gov.au/scholar/](http://www.aisaid.gov.au/scholar/) or contact the **South Asia Scholarships Program (SASP)** at:

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