

Australia-Malaysia Towards 2020 Scholarships Program

Undergraduate Awards

Description: The Undergraduate Scholarships provide support for Malaysian students from low-income households, particularly from rural areas, to study a degree at an Australian university campus in Malaysia. Degrees should be in the fields of economics, public policy or international relations. The awards include the possibility of a short-term exchange at the university campus in Australia. Australian universities with campuses in Malaysia include Curtin, Monash and Swinburne.

Quantity: one award in 2016

Duration: 3 years

Value: A\$120,000 including administration costs (maximum total tuition value of \$49,500 over three years)

Eligibility

- Undergraduate scholarships are open to Malaysian students from low-income families, preferably in rural areas.
- The scholarships will be available for study at an Australian university campus in Malaysia (Curtin, Monash, Swinburne).
- Applicants should study an undergraduate degree in the fields of economics, public policy or international relations.
- The scholarships will allow for short-term exchange study at the Australian campus of the university. This could be for one term, one semester or one year at maximum.
- A foundation program of up to 12 months may be offered if the institution assesses the award holder does not meet the required standard for direct entry into their chosen course, particularly in relation to their English language skills.
- Applicants that meet the eligibility criteria will be chosen based on academic merit.

Conditions

- Award Holders must undertake the proposed program outlined in their application and abide by the rules of any host organisation/institution, including enrolment requirements.
- Any changes to the Award Holder's program, degree or itinerary must have the prior approval of the academic institution in Malaysia and the Australian Government.
- Should an Award Holder break any of the conditions set out in their scholarship agreement, and/or fail to maintain a satisfactory level of progress with their studies, the Australian Government may, at its discretion, withdraw the scholarship.
- Family members wishing to visit or accompany an Award Holder in Australia will be required to cover their own costs.

Visas

- It is the responsibility of Award Holders to apply for and satisfy the requirements for the issue of an appropriate entry visa for Australia. The offer of a scholarship does not guarantee the granting of a visa and is conditional upon gaining a visa.
- Award Holders may be required to undertake a medical examination to satisfy health requirements for the issue of a visa.

Award Benefits

Funding Type	Amount (\$AUD)
Full Tuition Fees	Full tuition fees covered, up to maximum total of \$49,500 over three years
Travel Allowance	One return flight to Australia, should the participant choose a middle-year exchange to study in Australia, plus visa application costs if relevant.
Establishment Allowance	\$800 one-off payment in Malaysia, to assist with setting up new living and study arrangements. Up to \$2,500 maximum one-off payment in Australia, to assist with setting up new living and study arrangements. Final amount will depend on length of stay and nature of program in Australia.
Monthly Stipend	\$800 per month in Malaysia, to cover accommodation, utilities and other living expenses. \$2,500 per month (on a pro-rate basis) in Australia, to cover accommodation, utilities and other living expenses.
Health Insurance	Cover provided for duration of stay in Australia.
Travel Insurance	Cover provided for travel to and from Australia.
Total Award Value	Up to A\$120,000 in total, including administrative costs.

Applications

Applications must be received by the Australian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur by no later than 15 January 2015:

Australia-Malaysia Scholarships for Economic and Government Transformation
c/o Ms Elizabeth Wright
Second Secretary
Australian High Commission
PO Box 10921
50730 Kuala Lumpur

Enquiries may be directed to Ms Wright by email at elizabeth.wright@dfat.gov.au.

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Undergraduate Scholarship Checklist

Please ensure that the following documentation is returned with your scholarship nomination form.

Incomplete applications will not be eligible for consideration.

- Completed and signed nomination form
- Certified copy of most recent academic transcript
- Letter of support from proposed university
- Letters of support from two (2) referees
- Any other information you believe relevant to your application (eg: community/volunteer activity)