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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Australia Awards Scholarships available to Brunei students for 2027**

**Bandar Seri Begawan, 16 February 2026** – The Australian Government has opened applications for the annual Australia Awards scholarships for Brunei Darussalam postgraduate students starting in 2027.

Australia Awards are the Australian Government’s flagship scholarships program, offering fully funded opportunities to talented individuals across Southeast Asia for more than 70 years. The program equips scholars with internationally recognised qualifications, professional experience and enduring networks. Upon returning home, alumni continue to engage with Australia and fellow graduates, fostering collaboration and contributing to a more connected, prosperous and secure Indo-Pacific region.

Bruneian citizens can apply for fully funded postgraduate study (Masters or PhD) in Australia commencing in 2027. The scholarships aim to develop highly skilled professionals who contribute to Brunei’s long-term development and strengthen the close partnership between Australia and Brunei.

Australian High Commissioner H.E. Michael Hoy said: “Australia Awards Scholarships invest in people who will help contribute to Brunei’s future. Since 2019, 30 Bruneian Australia Awards scholars have benefited from world-class Australian education, building skills and networks that support national development. The next intake will grow this community further, strengthening leadership, expertise and the people-to-people links that underpin the close partnership between Australia and Brunei.”

In 2025, the Australian Government awarded the first annual Australia Awards scholarships to three Masters and one PhD students, who still commence study in 2026.

The Australia Awards Scholarships for Masters and PhD study are open to Bruneian citizens who hold an undergraduate degree. Priority fields of study include:

- Climate Change / Energy
- Defence / Security
- Economics / Sustainable Development
- Food Security / Agriculture
- Health
- Humanities / Arts
- Maritime
- Science

Australia Awards alumni join a global network of more than 100,000 leaders across Asia and beyond, including senior government officials, researchers, business leaders and technical specialists who contribute to national development and regional cooperation.

### **How to Apply**

For full eligibility criteria, application details and deadlines, visit: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

More information on Australia Awards in Brunei Darussalam is available through the Australia Awards Brunei Country Profile at: [www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/participating-countries](http://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/participating-countries)

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