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**New Australia Awards Scholarships for Brunei**

The Australian Government has announced the launch of annual Australia Awards scholarships for Brunei Darussalam postgraduate students commencing in 2026.

Australia Awards are prestigious, fully-funded scholarships that upskill emerging leaders from the Indo-Pacific region. Scholars return home with enhanced qualifications, experience and networks where connections, collaboration and information sharing with Australia and other Australia Awards alumni can continue into the future building a more connected, prosperous and secure Indo-Pacific region.

Australian High Commissioner H.E. Mr Michael Hoy said: “The new Australia Awards scholarships mean new chances for Bruneians to study at Australia’s world-class universities. The scholarships will help meet Brunei’s evolving skills needs under Wawasan Brunei 2035 and the Australia-Brunei Comprehensive Partnership.”

The Australia Awards Scholarships for Masters and PhD study will open to Brunei Darussalam citizens and permanent residents with a Brunei International Certificate of Identity. Priority fields of study are climate change, economics, food security, defence, maritime and security studies.

For more than 70 years, the Australian Government has supported the education of emerging leaders from developing countries, through the Colombo Plan in the 1950s to today's Australia Awards. In 2025, Australia offered over 1,500 long-term Australia Awards scholarships to applicants from 55 countries. Australia’s New Colombo Plan also supports Australian undergraduates to live, work and study in the Indo-Pacific, including Brunei.

Australia is one of the world’s top study destinations for international students. The QS World University Rankings include over 30 Australian universities, include nine in the top 100 globally.

Applications open 27 May 2025 and close 6 July 2025. Applications must be submitted online at <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>. Queries should be directed to [enquiries.canberra@australiaawards.org](mailto:enquiries.canberra@australiaawards.org).

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