



Australia Awards



Disability Inclusion
and Australia Awards
Myanmar





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Australia Awards Scholarships provide opportunities for people from developing countries to undertake study in priority development sectors at participating Australian universities and education institutions, in line with the Australian Government's *International Disability Equity and Rights Strategy (2024)*.

Australia Awards Scholarships and Short Courses aim to empower a network of talented individuals and future leaders, including those with disability, to drive change and contribute to development.

Australia Awards offers Scholarships on the basis of merit, transparency and equitable access for all, and supports recipients with disability to achieve their educational aspirations.

What is disability inclusion?

People with disability may experience barriers that prevent them from fully and effectively participating in society on an equal basis to others.

Disability inclusion means addressing the identified barriers to ensure that people with disability have access to the full range of opportunities enjoyed by others in the least restrictive environment. DFAT identifies 'reasonable adjustments' as an important approach to supporting inclusion.

People with disability in Myanmar are encouraged to apply for Australia Awards Scholarships and Short Courses

Equitable access for all

People living with disability will receive additional support to ensure they are able to participate in all phases of the Scholarship cycle including the application, selection and mobilisation processes, living and studying in Australia, and as an alumni after they return home.

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

If you are a person with disability and are applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship or Short Course, we encourage you to notify Australia Awards about your disability as early as possible.

Early and full notification of a disability will enable Australia Awards to provide appropriate support through the application, interview and placement processes and will not negatively affect the assessment of your eligibility.

Australia Awards promotes equity of access, participation and contribution for all people.

Australia Awards Myanmar assists applicants with practical advice about Australia Awards application processes and also connects them with alumni who have travelled to Australia on an Australia Awards Scholarship.





Scholars with disability are provided with tailored support to enable them to live and study in Australia

Support for scholars with disability

Australia Awards provides reasonable adjustments to ensure that Australia Awards scholars with disability are appropriately supported. This support is designed to enable all Australia Awards scholars to have a fair, positive and successful experience in Australia and as participants in Short Courses, in Australia or in Myanmar.

If you receive an Australia Awards Scholarship and notify the Australia Awards office that you are a person with disability, you will be provided with tailored support to enable you to live and study in Australia. The support requirements of each person with disability are different and are assessed individually.

Australian universities are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' for people with disability. Reasonable adjustments are changes that enable scholars with disability to participate on the same basis as other scholars, and may include additional training, modifications and/or adjustments that meet the individual needs of people with disability to enable them to participate in, and benefit from, Australia's aid investments, including Australia Awards Scholarships.

Examples of reasonable adjustments include providing accessible transportation, accessible venues, sign-language interpreters, and information in accessible formats.

By applying for and completing an Australia Awards Scholarship, you can join a community of Australia Awards alumni—including people with disability—in contributing to development in Myanmar.





Han Ko Lin

Australia Awards scholar Han Ko Lin is driven to enhance access to education and provide strong leadership in Myanmar's education sector.

His determination, experience and existing qualifications in arts, community leadership and social studies prepared him to successfully apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship. He completed a Master of Education (Leadership and Management) at Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia.

“My ambition is to provide qualified education access to my community, working with children from vulnerable communities or in remote areas” he says.

In addition, Han Ko Lin is committed to using his skills to develop human resource capabilities in Myanmar's education sector.

Since childhood, Han Ko Lin has been living with Syringomyelia, a neurological disorder that affects the muscles in his legs and hands. Due to his disability, Han Ko Lin faced numerous barriers to accessing education beyond his final school exams. He persisted, however, and went on to successfully complete tertiary education, embark on his career and gain greater independence.

Through Australia Awards, Han Ko Lin received support to ensure he could undertake his study in Australia on an equal basis with others. This included the provision of assistive equipment, as well as financial and psychological support.

He urges other people with disability to apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship.

“I, as a person with disability, would like to encourage other people like me to apply for a scholarship if they are passionate about making a positive change for Myanmar. Please believe in yourself and just do it, because you can do it.”

Australia's aid program promotes improved quality of life for people with disability in Myanmar

Post-Scholarship support

After successfully completing their study, scholars become part of a bigger and more inclusive Australia alumni community. Alumni will have many opportunities to be involved in activities such as professional development, networking events, guest lectures and more. When attending events, alumni with disability are requested to notify the Australia Awards office to accommodate support needs.

Australia's aid program

The Australian Government is committed to advancing disability equity and rights as an integral part of its international engagement. In alignment with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Australia's approach is grounded in equity, recognising that different people need different settings in place to thrive. This approach requires a change in systems and processes so people with disability can meaningfully contribute to decision making about their future. By removing barriers, people with disability can fully and equitably participate in and contribute to society.

The Australian Government focuses on five strategic priorities to realise a more equitable world in which people with disability have equal rights and the support needed to achieve equal outcomes: investing in partnerships and movements; addressing discrimination and exclusion; promoting the preconditions for inclusion; supporting equity in humanitarian assistance and climate action; and strengthening the evidence base for disability equity and rights.

Strategic Priorities



Apply for an Australia Awards Scholarship, receive tailored support in Australia, and join a community of alumni contributing to Myanmar's development





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