Australia Awards Scholarships

Guidelines for developing a research proposal

Preparing a research proposal

This guideline is for applicants proposing to undertake master's by research. Applicants must include a research proposal of not more than 1250 words with their applications. It must be uploaded on OASIS at News - OASIS

Applicants should be familiar with Australia's aid policy and country development priorities before submitting an application for an Australia Awards Scholarship. Information provided at the websites given below form some of the essential reading.

Australia Awards Scholarships

Australia Awards Scholarships | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Australia Awards Scholarships policy handbook

Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Country Profiles

Myanmar Australia Awards intake information | Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Information on Australia Awards Scholarships in Myanmar

Home - Australia Awards - Myanmar

Australia Awards Scholarships - Participating Institutions

Australia Awards - Participating Institutions | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Opening and closing date

Australia Awards opening and closing dates | Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Referee report template

Home - Australia Awards - Myanmar

Enquiries
• Email: inquiries@australiaawardsmyanmar.org

Outline of a research proposal

1. Research title
In no more than **15-30 words**, provide a descriptive title for the proposal.

2. Synopsis of research proposal
In no more than **50-100 words**, write a short synopsis of the overall research project.

3. Research objectives
In no more than **50-100 words**, describe the objective(s) of the research and the key question(s) the research will explore. Make sure questions are clear, unambiguous and focused.

4. Rationale and expected outcomes
In no more than **100-150 words** explain how the research proposal:
   • addresses a knowledge gap in the field of study
   • is significant and relevant for Myanmar.
Outline discussions with a potential university supervisor and any other key stakeholders about the proposed research ideas.

5. Relevance to priority sectors
In no more than 50-100 words, outline the importance of the research to one of the priority fields of study for Australia Awards Myanmar 2023.

6. Literature review
In no more than **100-200 words**, outline research undertaken in the field of study and assess knowledge gap and its significance to development of Myanmar. Attach references as an appendix.

7. Research methodology
In no more than **100-200 words**, review any relevant research literature and describe the research methods to be used (such as theoretical basis, tools and techniques of analysis and the stages of the research). Innovative and cost-effective approaches will be favourably considered. Where appropriate, explain how the research will contribute to economic and environmental development, gender
equality, disability and social inclusion.

8. Outputs/Deliverables
In no more than **50-100 words**, explain the time-frame for the research and the expected final outputs or deliverables. These could include:
   • academic outputs such as thesis, thesis articles for journals and conference presentations
   • policy materials such as policy briefs
   • publish in open access journals or pre-publication versions of the research
   • deliver seminars/workshops on return.

9. Significance of the research to Potential Outcomes
In no more than **50-100 words**, explain how the research can continue on return to your country and opportunities that already exist to continue the research.

10.   Fieldwork and time-frame
In no more than **100-150 words**, explain any fieldwork required and an indicative time-line to complete it. Provide an indication of costs involved in fieldwork.