



Australia Awards

Australia Awards Myanmar

2026 Grants Ready Short Course Award
Course Brochure



Introduction

Australia Awards Myanmar is seeking expressions of interest from eligible Myanmar applicants for the **Grants Ready** Short Course.

This course is designed to equip participants with practical, transferable skills to enhance their ability to develop high-quality, competitive funding applications for DFAT and other international partners operating in Myanmar. The core curriculum focuses on proposal writing, tender preparation, compliance with donor requirements, and competitive funding application processes.

This Short Course will be delivered in-person from 7 to 18 December 2026 by The University of Melbourne.

Participant Profile

The *Grants Ready* Short Course will be open to up to 25 participants from Myanmar who meet the below eligibility criteria. Participants must:

1. be an employee of either: a DFAT implementing partner in Myanmar, a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) or a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) in Myanmar.
Please note that employees from UN agencies are ineligible.
2. hold a senior leadership or management position or be a mid-level staff member with responsibilities in one or more of the following areas: management, finance, operations, business development, grant management, proposal development, or funding applications.
3. be a citizen of Myanmar
4. be currently residing in Myanmar
5. not have Australian permanent residence status or be applying for permanent residency in Australia
6. hold a valid passport for travel to Thailand. Please note the Program can only accept participants with PV passport type.
7. confirm they can safely mobilise from Myanmar to Chiang Mai
8. be able to participate in all the nominated course activities at the time and for the duration proposed by Australia Awards Myanmar
9. have a sufficient level of English language skills to read online and printed course materials in English. Please note that simultaneous interpretation service will be provided during course delivery.
10. have access to a laptop for the duration of the course (in-person in Chiang Mai)
11. Be committed to:
 - engaging actively and fostering networks with multiple stakeholders
 - disseminating learning from the course with colleagues and peers

Australia Awards Myanmar is committed to embedding equity, diversity, and inclusion into everything we do. We welcome applications from people living with disability, persons from remote or regional areas, LGBTIQ+ persons, ethnic minorities and people from other marginalised groups.

Support will be provided to participants living with disabilities so they can participate fully in the course activities in Thailand. Depending on the needs of selected participants, support may include assistance with travel arrangements for a carer, sign-language interpretation, and/or captioning services. Applicants who require further information may email us at shortcourseawards@australiaawardsmyanmar.org.

Course Delivery

The **Grants Ready** Short Course will be delivered in-person.

Lectures and tutorials will include 10-days short course in Chiang Mai. Once selected, all participants are expected to complete the online briefing session and in-person training requirements.

Sharing knowledge and expertise across organisations will benefit all participants and serve to strengthen organisational capabilities.

Course Aim and Objectives

The aim of this course is to equip participants with practical, transferable skills to enhance their ability to develop high-quality, competitive funding applications for DFAT and other international partners operating in Myanmar.

At the completion of this course, participants will be able to develop a proposal with specific outputs which demonstrates:

- the costs and the development benefits of the proposal
- achievable and sustainable outcomes
- soundness of the project's objectives and design
- the practicability of the proposed implementation arrangements, and
- whether the project conforms with the objectives of DFAT and the Direct Aid Program

Through participation in the Short Course, participants will develop a mock grant proposal in line with training requirements.

Course Delivery Timeline

The schedule for course delivery is:

- **Proposed dates for In-person Short Course in Chiang Mai:** 7 – 18 December 2026.

Key travel information and logistics

Australia Awards Myanmar will cover the cost of:

Travel and Accommodation

- Return economy flights from the nearest airport to the course location
- Travel Insurance
- Twin shared accommodation during the course in Thailand
- Per diems to cover living expenses while attending the in-person course in Thailand
- Transportation to and from the airport, to and from meetings and site visits
- Domestic travel and accommodation will be provided for those who require it.

Language support

- The course material will be made available in English
- Simultaneous interpretation will be provided

All queries on the short course should be directed to Australia Awards Myanmar:

Email: shortcourseawards@australiaawardsmyanmar.org

All applicants are required to submit an online application here.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S6B9SZR>

Participant Selection

Applicants must submit their applications by **Tuesday 20 October 2026**. All applications must be completed in English, submitted online and include all required documents. If you need assistance, please contact shortcourseawards@australiaawardsmyanmar.org.

The selection committee will review all applications and select the successful applicants. Successful applicants will be notified by email in the second week of November and invited to attend a briefing session.

Selected participants will receive further details about the course delivery schedule. They must commit to attending all course activities and dedicating the time required to complete the course. Employers are encouraged to support participants in meeting these commitments.

