



Australia Awards

# Australia Awards in Indonesia - Split Site Master's Program: An Introduction



## Introduction and Background

Australia Awards is one of the most prestigious scholarships in Indonesia, offered by the Australian government for more than 60 years. The scholarships provide opportunities for Indonesians to study at Australian institutions through long-term and short-term study, and many have gone on to take senior leadership positions, making a significant difference to Indonesia's development.

Australia Awards in Indonesia (AAI) have two global objectives, which are to develop capacity and leadership skills and to develop people-to-people linkages. Within these objectives, the Split-Site Master's Program (SSMP), as a subset of AAI's long-term scholarship scheme, seeks to:

- Provide relevant and flexible study programs to Indonesian government organisations.
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness in a scholarship scheme.
- Enhance engagement between Australia and Indonesian Government Organisations (IGOs).

## Program Details

SSMP involves 12 months of study at an Indonesian university, followed by 12 months of study at an Australian university, leading to the awarding of two master's degrees in one related field of study. The successful graduates will hold two master's degrees from two reputable universities. In SSMP, the Australian Government bears the cost for the Australia study component, whereas an IGO funds the Indonesia study component.

## Rationale

SSMP is responsive to the development objectives of the participating IGOs, and it increases efficiency in scholarship funding. The IGOs will be able to choose the universities delivering tailored study programs in accordance with their human resources development plan. In addition, substantial efficiency in funding is attained as each party covers partial expenses, which allows organisations to reinvest the budget to a bigger pool of scholarship recipients.



Another key advantage of the SSMP is that partnering Indonesian and Australian universities selected to deliver the program can exchange knowledge through joint research supervision and curriculum development, thus further enhancing their international reputation.

### Stakeholders

- Funding Donors: Australian Government and Indonesian Government Organisation
- Implementers: Australian university and Indonesian university
- Managing Contractor: Australia Awards in Indonesia
- Monitoring Bodies: Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Ministry of State Secretariat, RI

### Funding

AAI will principally finance the in-Australia component of the SSMP. Prior to the study in Australia, AAI will also bear the cost of a Joint-Selection Team (JST) to select the scholars of the scholarship, pre-departure training for the scholars, and mobilisation to Australia.

The IGOs will use their budget to fund the in-country master's programs in Indonesia, the required promotions, the supplementary English training, and internal selection process. In the case of approved participants failing to continue their studies in Australia (due to academic or personal circumstances), the IGO will continue funding those participants to complete their degree in Indonesia.

### Eligibility Criteria

To take part in the SSMP, IGOs must meet the following criteria:

- Be an organisation under one of the ministries, regional governments, state-owned enterprises, or non-ministry institutions.
- Possess sufficient funding to support the in-Indonesia study component.
- Have human resources development needs that are aligned with the national and/or regional development plan.

- Have sufficient managerial capacity to deliver a scholarship program and well-articulated plan to reintegrate returning scholarship scholars to the organisations and/or region.
- Be successful in their Expression of Interest submission for SSMP to DFAT.

For candidates of the scholarship, the following criteria must be met:

- Meet the general requirements of Australia Awards (e.g., selected by Joint Selection
- Team, obtain Australian student visa, and support from the Government of Indonesia).
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.9 in their undergraduate studies.
- Meet the minimum English competence score, i.e., IELTS 5.5, Paper-based TOEFL 525, IBT 69, or PTE 46.
- Satisfy the entry requirements of the participating Indonesian university.
- Fulfil the conditions for transfer to the participating Australian university at the end of the first year of study in Indonesia (e.g., GPA, IELTS, and research topic).
- Be nominated by the participating IGOs.

For Indonesian universities delivering the program, they must fulfil the following:

- Have a Memorandum of Understanding and an Articulation Academic Agreement with Australian universities.
- The medium of teaching and learning for the selected master's program is English.
- The curriculum has been negotiated and approved by the partnering Australian university.
- The master's program has to be registered to Kemenristekdikti.

### Selection Process

The candidates are firstly selected by the IGOs, using criteria such as GPA, English competency score, and state apparatus policy. The list of shortlisted candidates is then submitted to AAI.

AAI will then arrange a selection process following the Australian Government standards: an interview by the JST and an IELTS test. The Team consists of Australian and Indonesian academics.

### Monitoring And Evaluation

SSMP is closely monitored both in Indonesia and Australia. AAI will monitor the academic progress from Indonesian universities each semester. Scholars' academic progress in Australia is monitored through an online system called OASIS. At the completion of one cohort cycle, AAI will conduct a comprehensive evaluation of SSMP.