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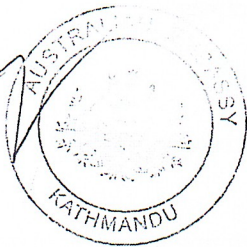
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The Australian Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal and has the honour to forward the letter from Mr Dylan Jones-Virma, Head of Development to Mr Prakash Adhikari, Joint Secretary/Chief of SEAP Division advising that the Australian Government will open applications for Australia Awards Scholarships for study commencing in 2027 from 2 February to 30 April 2026. Enclosed is the letter.

The Australian Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Nepal the assurances of its highest consideration.

  
KATHMANDU  
21 January 2026



**Enclosed document**

Letter to Mr Prakash Adhikari, Joint Secretary/Chief  
South East Asia and the Pacific Division



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Mr Prakash Adhikari  
Joint Secretary/Chief  
South East Asia and the Pacific Division  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Singha Durbar, Kathmandu

**Announcement of Australia Awards Scholarships Applications for Study in 2027**

Dear Mr Adhikari

I am pleased to advise that the Australian Government will open applications for Australia Awards Scholarships for master's degree programs commencing in 2027 from 2 February to 30 April 2026. Through these scholarships, we continue to support Nepal's long-term human resource and institutional development.

In line with Nepal's development priorities, we have identified nine priority sectors for the 2027 intake:

- Climate Change
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Economic Development
- Education
- Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion
- Governance
- Mental Health and Rehabilitation Therapies
- Natural Resource Management
- Sustainable Infrastructure Development

We ask applicants to ensure that their proposed study program directly contributes to one of these sectors.

We require applicants to meet all eligibility requirements. These include residence in Nepal; holding a four-year bachelor's degree or a master's degree; completing at least three years of relevant professional experience after finishing their bachelor's degree; and meeting the English language test requirement. Applicants can access full details at <https://australiaawardsnepal.org/>.

We encourage women, people with disability, people from marginalised groups, and people from sexual and gender minorities to apply as part of our strong commitment to inclusion. We will select scholars based on merit.

The Australia Awards team will deliver online information sessions to support prospective applicants. We will also run a dedicated session for civil service officials on Friday, 13 February 2026. Civil service officials can register through the website noted above.





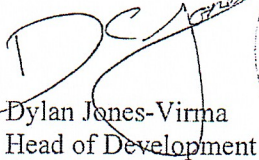
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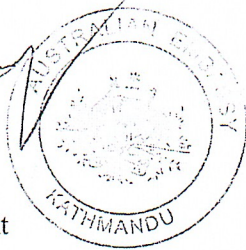
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We request the Ministry's support to disseminate this announcement through the Government of Nepal's scholarship channels. We also kindly ask that the Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration's Human Resource Planning and Development Division upload this announcement to its website, consistent with previous years.

For any queries, please contact me or Ms Sunita Gurung on 437 1678 or [sunita.gurung@dfat.gov.au](mailto:sunita.gurung@dfat.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

  
Dylan Jones-Virma  
Head of Development



21 January 2026

Copy to:

1. Mr Ekadev Adhikari, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Human Resource Planning and Development Division
2. Mr Kushal Dev Ghimire, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education, Higher Education Division, Scholarships Section
3. Mr Mahesh Gyawali, Section Officer, Ministry of Finance, International Economic Relation Division
4. Mr Namaraj Wagle, Section Officer, Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration, Human Resource Planning and Development Section