



GOVERNMENT OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM SCHOLARSHIP  
FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS TENABLE IN  
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM  
ACADEMIC SESSION 2026/2027

## Scholarship Information

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is pleased to invite applications for the Government of Brunei Darussalam Scholarship to Foreign Students Tenable in Brunei Darussalam (BDGS) for the 2026/2027 academic session.

The Scholarship provides applicants with the opportunity to pursue studies at the Diploma, Undergraduate Degree and Postgraduate Master's Degree level at the following institutions of higher education in Brunei:

- [Universiti Brunei Darussalam \(UBD\)](#)
- [Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali \(UNISSA\)](#)
- [Universiti Teknologi Brunei \(UTB\)](#)
- [Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan \(KUPU SB\)](#)
- [Politeknik Brunei \(PB\)](#)

The academic year commences July/August 2026.

## Important Dates

Date	Event
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Applications Open
15 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Closing Date
01 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 <b>[Tentative]</b>	Applicants to be Notified Results of Scholarship Selection

## Institution Information

1. [Universiti Brunei Darussalam \(UBD\)](#)

Applicants applying to UBD must also complete an online application through <https://apply.ubd.edu.bn/orbeon/uis-welcome/>

2. [Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali \(UNISSA\)](#)

Applicants applying to UNISSA must also complete an online application through <https://unissa.edu.bn/application/apply//>

3. [Universiti Teknologi Brunei \(UTB\)](#)

Applicants applying to UTB must also complete an online application through <https://apply.utb.edu.bn/>

4. [Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan \(KUPU SB\)](#)

Applicants applying to KUPUSB must also complete an online application through <https://www.kupu-sb.edu.bn/Theme/Home.aspx>

5. [Politeknik Brunei \(PB\)](#)

Applicants applying to PB must also complete an online application through <https://pbas.pb.edu.bn/>

## BDGS Documents Checklist

- ✓ Passport Photo
- ✓ Passport and/ or Birth Certificate/ National Identification Card/ Document copy
- ✓ English Language Proficiency Certification copy (if applicable)
- ✓ Academic Qualification Certificates including transcripts, other achievements certificates copy and proof of employment
- ✓ Research Proposal (for Programmes by Research only)

Complete the checklist above and ensure your documents are ready to be uploaded in your application

## Eligibility Requirements

Please ensure that you meet the required eligibility criteria before applying. Ineligible applicants will NOT be considered for scholarship.

Applicants must:

- NOT on the first day of July on the year when the course/programme starts exceed the ages of:
  - 25 for Undergraduate and Diploma programmes, and
  - 35 for Postgraduate Master's Degree programmes.
- Be proficient in English with a/ an:
  - Credit 6 at GCE 'O' Level Examination or
  - Grade 'C' in IGCSE English (as a second language) or
  - TOEFL minimum score of 550 or
  - IELTS score of 6.0

**NOTE: The Scholarship is intended primarily for international students studying for the first time in Brunei Darussalam. Brunei Darussalam Permanent Residents are not eligible.**

## Application Procedure

1. The closing date to submit applications for the Scholarship is Sunday, 15 February 2026@23:59
2. Please read all information regarding the courses/ programmes that you are applying to thoroughly, before submitting your application form. A scholarship recipient is NOT permitted to change the programme offered nor the institution where the recipient will be studying. Information on courses/ programmes offered, can be found in the relevant Institutions' homepage under Institutions' Information.
3. An applicant may be required to appear for an interview at such place(s) as may be determined by the institutions offering the programmes, and to sit a written examination to assess the applicant's proficiency in the English/ Malay/ Arabic Language (where applicable).
4. The Government of Brunei Darussalam reserves the right to reject any applications. The decision on the selection of candidates is final. Any disputes or enquiries pertaining to the decision made will not be entertained.
5. The following documents are to be uploaded in the application form:
  - Certified true copies of Passport and/ or Birth Certificate/ National Identification Card/ Document.
  - Certified true copies of academic qualifications and other supporting documents (i.e., certificates,

testimonials, transcripts).

- Certified English translations of academic qualifications and supporting documents must be submitted for documents that are not in English.
- Certified true copies of English Language Proficiency Certification.
- Certified true copies of proof of employment.
- References and recommendations from referees.
- Research proposal (for Programmes by Research only).

6. For any enquiries not answered in Frequently Asked Questions please email [queriesBDGS2026@mfa.gov.bn](mailto:queriesBDGS2026@mfa.gov.bn)

## Terms and Conditions

The full listing of the terms and conditions of the scholarship will be provided to the applicant once the application is successful and a scholarship is offered. A declaration will be required to be signed confirming understanding and agreement to these terms and conditions upon acceptance of the scholarship.

The general terms and conditions are as follows:

1. The scholarship recipient will be facilitated with the benefits of the scholarship as follows:
  - i. exemption from paying tuition fees including acceptance, examination, registration and orientation fees for the duration of the programme;
  - ii. an economy class air-ticket to Brunei Darussalam from the scholarship recipient's country of origin/ country of domicile prior to the commencement of the course and an economy class air-ticket from Brunei Darussalam to the scholarship recipient's country of origin/country of domicile upon completion of the course;
  - iii. a monthly personal allowance of BND\$500.00;
  - iv. a monthly meals allowance of BND\$150.00;
  - v. an annual book allowance of BND\$600.00;
  - vi. accommodation at the residential college of the University/ Polytechnic;
  - vii. baggage allowance for shipment of the scholarship recipient's personal effects to his country of origin/country of domicile upon completion of the programme, at a maximum amount of:
    - BND\$250.00 to a country within the ASEAN region; or
    - BND\$500.00 to a country outside the ASEAN region;

- viii. comprehensive insurance cover for the whole duration of the Scholarship. The scholarship recipient is urged to obtain additional insurance prior to his travel to Brunei Darussalam and for the whole duration of the Scholarship at his own expense.
- 2. This scholarship shall not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, fellowship, grant or loan without the prior approval of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This scholarship may be terminated or revoked immediately should the scholarship recipient be found holding another scholarship, fellowship, grant or loan without prior written approval of the Ministry.
- 3. A scholarship recipient is not encouraged to bring any family members with him for the duration of the Scholarship. No marriage allowance nor child allowance is payable to the scholarship recipient and no accommodation will be provided to any accompanying spouse, child or children.
- 4. A scholarship recipient is not permitted to undertake any paid employment or to serve on the staff of any country's representative mission in Brunei Darussalam during the duration of the scholarship.
- 5. A scholarship recipient is required to:
  - i. conform to all the rules and regulations underlying this Scholarship;
  - ii. abide by the rules and regulations of his University/ Polytechnic;
  - iii. respect the customs, culture and official religion of Brunei Darussalam;
  - iv. obey all the laws and regulations of Brunei Darussalam;
  - v. refrain from engaging in political activities;
  - vi. undergo health screening in Brunei Darussalam if deemed necessary by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 6. Upon completion of the programme, the scholarship recipient will be required to leave Brunei Darussalam with immediate effect.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q1: How will successful applicants be notified?**

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified tentatively on or after 1 June 2026.

Please email [queriesBDGS2026@mfa.gov.bn](mailto:queriesBDGS2026@mfa.gov.bn) should you not receive any notifications by 1 July 2026.

### **Q2: What do I do if my application is successful?**

Successful applicants will need to reply to the email accepting or declining the offer for scholarship within 2 weeks from the date of the email.

Should you accept the offer, please follow further instructions in the email to facilitate your arrival in Brunei.

**Q3: What do I need to prepare when I accept the offer?**

- i. The scholarship is offered subject to the scholarship recipient's attainment of a certificate stating that the he/ she is medically fit to undertake the scholarship and to study in Brunei Darussalam. Any and all costs which may be incurred in obtaining a medical fitness report are to be borne by the scholarship recipient himself/ herself.
- ii. If you have not submitted a copy of your passport upon application, you are to provide a passport copy which must be valid at least six months from the month of your expected arrival in Brunei Darussalam. (e.g., you are expected to arrive in August 2026, your passport must be valid until at least February 2026)
- iii. You are to furnish yourself with travel insurance coverage prior to your travel to Brunei at your own expense.
- iv. You are advised to be financially covered to provide yourselves with living expenses in the first month of your arrival in Brunei.

**Q4. I have received an offer to study at the institution I applied scholarship for on a self-paying basis. What do I do?**

Please wait until you receive a notification on your scholarship application before replying to the institution.

Should your application be successful, you may accept the offer stating that funding will be from the BDGS.

If otherwise unsuccessful, you may decline the offer for entry into the institution unless you are willing to finance your studies yourself.