



Australia Awards

# Australia Awards In-Country Scholarship for Forensic Medicine

The Australian Government, in collaboration with Monash University Department of Forensic Medicine, and the University of the Philippines Manila College of Medicine, is pleased to offer the first Australia Awards In-Country Scholarship for Master of Forensic Medicine. The scholarship offers a Master of Forensic Medicine for Filipino health professionals on a full-time (18-month) basis. Coursework for successful applicants will begin in March 2026\* and graduates will earn an international qualification from Monash University.

## About the course

Gain medical, dental and scientific knowledge and skills from Australia's best forensic practitioners and develop specialised and highly sought-after expertise with the Master of Forensic Medicine. This internationally recognised course follows Monash University's curriculum. Experts from Monash University will deliver in-person lectures online and onsite with lab work at the University of the Philippines Manila College of Medicine.

### In the Master of Forensic Medicine, you will:

- learn to make high level, independent judgements in the forensic setting
- understand medicolegal principles and practice communicating such issues within the justice system
- critically evaluate the ethical and legal issues arising in forensic medical practice, and
- gather and interpret forensic evidence in a variety of forensic medical and scientific specialisations
- Gain experience and knowledge in practical forensic case work for both deceased and living victims of violence

For more information on **Monash University**, please visit <https://www.monash.edu/>

## Benefits and Entitlement

- Full tuition and other approved school fees
- Monthly living allowance
- Domestic roundtrip airfare (if applicable)
- Supplementary academic support
- Research / thesis allowance (if applicable)
- Disability support
- Pastoral care
- Health insurance

\*The program is scheduled to commence in March 2026, pending final approval.





## Eligibility Requirements

Applications are strongly encouraged from ALL eligible health professionals from the Philippines (regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or disability) who meet the program's eligibility criteria:

- 1)** Must be a Filipino citizen residing in the Philippines.
- 2)** Must hold a degree in medicine, dentistry, or a related health science field.
- 3)** Must have at least 3 years of cumulative professional work experience.
- 4)** Must be in a position where skills can effectively contribute to positive change in the Philippines.
- 5)** Must not be a current beneficiary of any scholarships or other educational assistance programs at the time of application or during the duration of the scholarship.
- 6)** Must meet the program entry requirements of Monash University.

## Key Dates

### January 2026

- Application Period

### February 2026

- Screening of Applicants and Panel Interview
- Pre-mobilisation activities (signing of contract, enrolment)

### March 2026

- Mobilisation and On-award

## How to apply?

### 1) Fill out the online scholarships application form

Access the online scholarship portal [here](#) to begin your application.

Click the "Apply Now" button and fill out the form with your personal information, educational background, and professional experience. Additionally, you must also include the following in your application:

- Transcript of Records (ToR) and diploma in your degree in medicine, dentistry, or a related health science field
- Certificate of General Weighted Average (GWA) if not included in ToR

### 2) Finalise and Submit your application

You can fill out this application form in stages. Save your entries and return later to complete your application at your own pace. Take advantage of this feature to ensure your information is accurate and complete. Once everything is finalised, click the "Finalise and Submit" button to submit your application

