



Tuvalu

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Tuvalu

Australia's international development assistance in Tuvalu helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability. Its development approach will contribute to the Capacity of the Government of Tuvalu to use its revenue and human resources to improve standards of living and opportunities for its people.

Australia Awards Scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Tuvalu.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

Levels of study

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Tuvalu with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution in Australia or regionally at the Fiji National University (FNU) and the University of the South Pacific (USP).

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2019 for the following:

- **Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS)** for Bachelor and Masters level of study in Australia.
- **Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS)** for undergraduate and postgraduate level of study at the Fiji National University or the University of the South Pacific.

Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS)

These scholarships provide citizens of Tuvalu with the opportunity to obtain a Bachelor degree or a Master degree qualification at an Australian tertiary institution for

programs not offered in the region (offered in Australia only).

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Tuvalu for the AAS are:

Environment and climate change

Includes but is not limited to: environmental management, climate change, environment and public health, environmental science, waste management, environmental economics and climate change, environmental law, marine science, renewable energy, land and water management, marine coastal management, global environment and climate change law, environment and sustainability, agriculture, science, environmental and business management, disaster risk reduction, disaster preparedness and reconstruction, environment and occupational health and safety, environmental science, environmental management and sustainability, environmental risk assessment and remediation.

Economic growth and governance

Includes but is not limited to: environmental and resource economics, labour market analysis, human resources planning and management, management and business administration, financial management, international marketing, development economics, project management, tourism and hospitality, accounting, banking, commerce, statistics, applied finance, governance studies, public administration, business and law, public policy, development studies, political studies, and law.

Education

Includes but not limited to: special and inclusive education, disability studies, TVET education, early childhood education, teaching English as a second language, physical education, curriculum education, educational studies, leadership and management in education, and teaching (early childhood, primary and secondary).

Health

Clinical: midwifery, specialised nursing, emergency medicine, anaesthesia obstetrics and gynaecology, dermatology, surgery, pathology, biomedical, allied health programs, mental health, gender and women's health, psychiatry and dermatology.

Non-clinical: warehouse management, logistics and supply chain management, contract management, health information systems, hospital management, health administration, financial health planning, training and development, disaster management, human resources and asset management.

Gender and social inclusion

Includes but not limited to: gender studies, sociology, disability studies, social science, social work, psychology, counselling, disability management, community development, behavioural studies, family studies, and social change and development.

Infrastructure Support

Includes but not limited to: maritime surveying and technical, ports and logistics, terminal management, construction, civil engineering, project management, architecture, surveying, engineering, telecommunication engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, information technology, software engineering, information systems, computer science and journalism.

Health

Includes but not limited to: nursing, biomedical science, exercise and sport science, food science and human nutrition, health science, medical science, midwifery, medical statistics, mental health nursing, medicine, nutrition and dietetics, oral health, pharmacy, physiotherapy, and workplace health and safety, public health with a focus on non-communicable diseases.

The governments of Australia and Tuvalu regularly review the above collaboratively and adjust priority fields accordingly.

Detailed information on priority fields of study can be found at <http://www.fiji.embassy.gov.au/suva/home/html> from 1 February 2018.

Australia Awards scholarships benefits

Australia Awards Scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the Australian education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- return air travel
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- initial visa expenses

- initial medical expenses
- contribution to living expenses
- Introductory Academic Program
- Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework which has a compulsory fieldwork component.

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

In addition to meeting the general eligibility criteria, applicants must also meet the following specific eligibility requirements to be considered for this award:

For Bachelors level study:

- program of study must not be available locally or regionally
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of commencing the scholarship
- must have completed Year 12 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate mark of 300 out of 400 or its equivalent (including English and three best subjects)
- must have completed Year 13 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate mark of 300 out of 400 or its equivalent (including English and three best subjects)
- mature age applicants who have completed a tertiary qualification, should have minimum 5 years' relevant work experience
- mature age applicants who have not completed a tertiary qualification but have extensive years of relevant work experience, must have achieved pass grades at least in either the Year 12 or Year 13 or equivalent results and/or have successfully undertaken some form of relevant tertiary studies either through tertiary institutions or work-related training
- mature age applicants who have completed a tertiary qualification, must have a minimum of 10 years' relevant work experience
- must not hold an equivalent qualification (e.g. degree) or higher qualification (e.g. Masters) either at time of application or commencement of award
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with Tuvalu or any other government
- must not transfer from a Tuvalu Government scholarship or any other scholarship during the tenure of that scholarship
- must be able to take up the award in the calendar year for which the award is offered

- Must be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course they have already commenced in Australia.

For Masters level study:

- program of study must not be available locally or regionally
- must hold a first degree and have achieved above average results and have at least 2 years' relevant work experience
- mature age applicants who do not hold a first degree must have at least 10 years' relevant work experience, have achieved a pass grade at either the Year 12 or Year 13 or equivalent level, and/or have successfully undertaken relevant tertiary studies or some form of continuing education
- must not hold a Master's degree either at time of application or commencement of award
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with Tuvalu or any other government
- must not transfer from a Tuvalu Government scholarship or any other scholarship during the tenure of that scholarship
- must be able to take up the award in the calendar year for which the award is offered
- Must be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course they have already commenced in Australia.

While there is no age limit, a scholar's potential outputs on return from study will be assessed during selection.

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through the *Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System* (OASIS) at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all relevant supporting documents listed below and outlined in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

AAS application document checklist	
Priority areas	Certified
Copy of passport or birth certificate	Yes
Copy of certificate of completed tertiary study and official academic transcripts	Yes
Copy of Grading System	Yes
Copy/copies of completed short courses and/or in-house training	Yes
A copy of Year 13 Examination or Foundation Certificate official results notice if applicable	Yes

A copy of Tuvalu Year 12 Certificate Examination official results if applicable	Yes
2 recent referee reports (less than 6 months old). Masters by Research candidates must provide 2 academic referee reports	No-original only
Curriculum Vitae (CV) of applicant detailing personal details, academic qualifications and work-related experience (no more than three pages)	No-original only
IELTS official score, if applicable—please check institution entry requirements as only some institutions will require this	Yes
Statement from last institution attended that English was the language of instruction	No-original only

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- The selection process includes an interview conducted for those shortlisted for both PUBLIC and OPEN categories. PUBLIC awards are shortlisted by the Government of Tuvalu and DFAT shortlists OPEN awards.
- Priority and reserve candidates for AAS will be selected at the Joint Scholarships Selection Committee (JSSC) represented by the Government of Tuvalu, New Zealand and Australia.
- Equal numbers of scholarships will be awarded to males and females.
- Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience
 - writing skills
 - oral presentation
 - the relevance of the proposed study to Tuvalu's human resource development needs, consistent with Te Kakeega III and complementing Australia's Aid Investment Plan for Tuvalu.

Preparatory training

Successful AAS applicants will be required to:

- attend a pre-departure briefing
- complete an Introductory Academic Program before commencing in their academic program of study (conducted in Australia)
- may be required to take the International English Language Testing System test (IELTS) to assess their English language competence (successful applicants will be advised if this is required). This is not required as

part of your application, however applicants should check entry requirements of selected institutions carefully as this may be an entry requirement.

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS)

These scholarships provide citizens of Tuvalu opportunities to study available programs at a tertiary institution in the Pacific.

AAPS awards will be offered for full-time Undergraduate, Technical and Vocational (TVET), and Post Graduate studies (not PhDs) only at the following institutions: University of the South Pacific (USP), the Fiji National University (FNU) Colleges, PNG University of Technology (UNITECH) - Lae Campus, Pacific Adventist University – Port Moresby, Divine Word University (DWU) – Madang PNG, University of Goroka – Goroka PNG, University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) School of Medicine Taurama Campus – Port Moresby.

Programs of study

The programs of study available for the AAPS are:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery
- Diploma in Early Childhood Education
- Trade Diploma in Building
- Trade Diploma in Quantity Surveying
- Trade Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Trade Diploma in Electrical Engineering
- Trade Diploma in Automotive Engineering

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships benefits

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the regional education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- a one-off establishment allowance
- full tuition fees
- contribution to living expenses
- Introductory Academic Program
- basic medical costs for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support.

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS) applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at: <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-handbook.pdf>

In addition to meeting the general eligibility criteria, applicants must also meet the following AAPS specific eligibility requirements to be considered for this award:

- must have a Tuvalu Year 12 Certificate Examination minimum aggregate mark of 250 out of 400 or its equivalent (English and 3 best subjects)
- program of study aligns to the priority area
- mature age applicants must have at least 3 years' relevant work experience and achieved a pass grade either at the Year 12 or Year 13 level or equivalent through some form of continuing education or work-related training
- must not hold an equivalent TVET, tertiary diploma or undergraduate qualification
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with any other government.

The application process

Applications for AAPS must be submitted as follows:

If you are applying to study at The University of the South Pacific (USP), The Fiji National University's (FNU) College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (excluding Nursing), or PNG based Institutions you may apply online using the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/> and must also include a completed scanned hard copy of the institution application form.

If you are applying to study at the following FNU colleges:

- College of Engineering, Science and Technology
- College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
- College of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

You must submit a hardcopy application along with a completed FNU application form.

Hardcopy application forms will be available from 1 February 2018 from: <http://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships.aspx>

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all relevant supporting documents listed below and outlined in the *Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

AAPS application document checklist	
Priority areas	Certified
One completed Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship application form with a recent photograph	No-original only
One completed Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship <u>institution</u> (USP or FNU) application form	No-original only
Copy of passport <u>or</u> birth certificate	Yes
Copy of certificate of completed tertiary study and official academic transcripts	Yes

Copy of Grading System	Yes
Curriculum Vitae of applicant detailing personal details, academic qualifications and work-related experience (no more than three pages)	No-original only
A copy of the Tuvalu Year 12 Certificate Examination official results notice	Yes
A copy of the Tuvalu Year 13 Certificate Examination official results notice, if applicable	Yes
Statement from last institution attended that English was the language of instruction	No-original only

The selection process

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

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- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- The selection process includes an interview conducted for those shortlisted for both PUBLIC and OPEN categories. PUBLIC awards are shortlisted by the Government of Tuvalu and DFAT shortlists OPEN awards.
- Priority and reserve candidates for AAPS will be selected at the Joint Scholarships Selection Committee (JSSC) represented by the Government of Tuvalu, New Zealand and Australia.
- Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Tuvalu
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience
 - writing skills
 - oral presentation.

Preparatory training

Successful AAPS applicants may be required to:

- complete an Introductory Academic Program before commencing in their academic program, depending on the selected institution.

Application dates

Application dates for AAS and AAPS for study commencing in 2019 are:

Opening date: **1 February 2018**

Closing date: **30 April 2018**

Paper based applications can be delivered by Post to:

Human Resource Management Unit

Office of the Prime Minister

Funafuti

TUVALU

Applicants are advised to finalise their applications well before the closing date. The OASIS system experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS) and the *Australia Awards Scholarship Handbook* can be found at:

<https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/aus-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.pdf>

Information about Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS) and the *Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Handbook* can be found at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-handbook.pdf>

More general information about the Australia Awards and studying in Australia can be found at:

www.australiaawards.gov.au

www.dfat.gov.au

www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about available programs of study in Fiji for the Australia Award Pacific Scholarship can be found at:

www.usp.ac.fj

www.fnu.ac.fj

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