



AUSTRALIA AWARDS

AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (ADS), AUSTRALIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS (ALAS) and AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (ARDS) 2013 INTAKE

Applications are invited from Fiji citizens for tertiary study scholarships commencing in 2013 under the Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) and Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) at tertiary institutions in Australia **OR** under the Australian Regional Development Scholarships (ARDS) scheme for TVET studies in institutions in the Pacific Region. The scholarships – for full-time study only – cover all course fees, a living allowance, additional study support if necessary and a return airfare where applicable

Applicants can apply for either an ADS or an ARDS scholarship, but not for both. ADS applicants can also indicate if they would like to be considered for the ALA which provides supplementary leadership opportunities.

To ensure equity and broad participation, AusAID encourages women, people with disability, ethnic minorities, people living in rural areas and members of socio-economically disadvantaged groups to apply. Applications for study focused on improving the lives of people with disability are also encouraged.

Level of study for which you can apply

ADS and ALAS

ADS are available for Undergraduate and Postgraduate programs (up to Masters level only) which are **not** available in the region and support full-time studies only. ADS scholars are paid a single rate of allowance; ADS does not pay an accompanied rate for families. ADS applicants can also indicate on the application form if they would like to be considered for an Australian Leadership Award which is for Postgraduate study only.

ADS/ALAS applications can be completed and submitted online at: <http://oasis.ausaid.gov.au>

ARDS scholarships for 2013 are offered for Technical Vocational courses only (not Undergraduate, Postgraduate or PhD courses), and supports only full-time study in institutions in the Pacific Region.

Selection

Scholarship awards will be based on academic merit, taking into account the academic attainment, work experience and relevance of proposed study to Fiji's human resource development needs in the broad areas of **Economic Growth, Rural Development and Agriculture, Climate change, Health, Education, International Trade and Public Sector Management and Reform**. In particular, those currently working or interested in the following areas are encouraged to apply:

- **Health Specialists**
- **Mining** (Metallurgic Engineering, Geology, Mining Engineering)
- **Occupational Hygiene, Occupational Medicine**
- **Town Planning, Land Surveying, Geospatial Engineering**
- **Economics & Finance** (Masters in Development Economics & International Trade, Labour Economics)
- **Human Resource Management** (Masters in Human Resource Management, Masters Training & Development)
- **Manufacturing / Construction / Infrastructure:** (Certificate to Advanced Diploma for: Electrical Fitter Mechanic, Plumbing, Electrical Engineering, Carpentry, Joinery)
- **Agriculture / Environment** (Masters in Land and Water Resource Management, Environmental Management, Integrated Water Resource Management)
- **Veterinary Science**
- **Engineering** (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Architectural)
- **Disability Studies, Special & Inclusive Education**
- **Education** (Masters in Assessment & Monitoring Evaluation, Teachers for; Automotive Engineering, Welding & Fabrication, Building and Construction, Hospitality & Catering),
- **Welfare:** (Women & Development)
- **Tourism** (Baking & Patisserie)
- **Shipping / Marine:** (Marine Engineering, Marine Captain)

Selection for an ALAS is highly competitive across all eligible countries. It is based on the applicant's professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their commitment to and potential impact on development outcomes for their country and region.

Equal numbers of scholarships will be awarded to males and females. The decisions of the selection panel/s are final.

Notification of priority candidates for ADS and ARDS.

Only successful applicants will be notified BY **Friday 24 August 2012 for ADS and ARDS**. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED BY THIS DATE, DO NOT CONTACT THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION AS THE DECISION ON PRIORITY OR RESERVE CANDIDATES IS FINAL.

Please Note: Being selected as a priority candidate does not mean that the applicant has been offered an Australia Award. This means that the application forms of priority candidates have been selected to be submitted to the relevant institution either in Australia or in the Pacific region for consideration.

General Eligibility Criteria

Applicants:

- Must be citizens of Fiji and not have access to places in Australian higher institutions on the basis of Australian citizenship, or Australian permanent residence status, or eligibility to hold a New Zealand passport or have permanent residence in New Zealand.
- Must not hold dual Fiji citizenship
- Must not be married to, or in a defacto relationship with a person who holds Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence status.
- Must not hold another scholarship simultaneously with an ADS or ARDS award, nor should they have held an Australian Government scholarship in the preceding 12 months at the time of application.
- Applicants for ADS must be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course **they have already commenced in Australia**.
- Must not transfer from a Fiji 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 not be under any bonding or cost sharing arrangements at the time of commencement of an award.

Institutions

ADS/ALA scholarships are open to all Government registered and approved higher education institutions in Australia.

ARDS scholarships will only be awarded for study at the following regional educational institutions:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of the South Pacific (Fiji, Vanuatu and Samoa) • Fiji National University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) Waigani Campus - Port Moresby • University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) School of Medicine Taurama Campus -Port Moresby
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Country Specific Criteria

Technical/Vocational Training:

- Applicants must have an FSLC minimum aggregate mark of **250 out of 400** or its equivalent (for English and 3 best subjects).
- Mature age applicants should have at least 5 years relevant work experience, achieved a pass grade at least either Form 6 or Form 7 level or equivalent or through some form of continuing education or work related training.
- Applicants should not hold either an undergraduate degree or a tertiary diploma.
- Applicants who have obtained a certificate level qualification may apply.
- As of 1 January 2013, applicants should be at least 18 years of age.

Undergraduate:

- Applicants must have an FSLC minimum aggregate mark of **300 out of 400** or its equivalent (for English and three best subjects).
- Mature age applicants should have at least 5 years relevant work experience, achieved pass grades at least either the Form 6 or Form 7 or equivalent results and/or have successfully undertaken some form of relevant tertiary studies either through tertiary institutions or work related training.
- Applicants should not hold an undergraduate or postgraduate degree.
- As of 1 January 2013, applicants should be at least 18 years of age.

Postgraduate:

- Applicants should have achieved above average results in their undergraduate degree(s) and have at least 5 years relevant work experience.
- Mature age applicants should have at least 10 years relevant work experience, achieved a pass grade at either the Form 6 or Form 7 or equivalent level, and/or have successfully undertaken relevant tertiary studies or some form of continuing education.
- No age limit, although a scholar's potential outputs on return from study will be assessed during selection time.

Requirements - Application Forms for the 2013 Intake

To be considered eligible, applications **MUST INCLUDE** all of the following:

- (i) Three completed (one) original and (two) copies of either (ADS) or (ARDS) application form with passport photos attached on each form.
- (ii) The completed institution application form for ARDS applicants only.
- (ii) A Curriculum Vitae from the applicant detailing personal details, academic qualifications and work related experience (should be no more than four pages)
- (iii) **Certified copies** of all academic certificates and transcripts that specify percentage grades or marks for each stage of study undertaken.
- (iv) A **certified copy** of the Form Six official results notice if already sat for.
- (v) A **certified copy** of the Form Seven official results notice if already sat for.

Additional supporting documents:

- (vi) Other relevant documents to support the application e.g. evidence of English test score (IELTS) and or Statement from the University or school that English is the language of instruction.

Note: Certified copies are photocopies which have been signed by a notary public, Justice of the Peace, or school principal/academic registrar of the institution providing the course, after the sighting of your original documents. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Hard-Copy Applications must include all details outlined above and should be submitted by:

The Australian Awards close on 30 April 2012.

ONLINE applicants must submit online application by Midnight 30 April 2012.

Hardcopy applications must be delivered by 4:30pm 30 April 2012 to:

By Post:

South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment
PO Box 2083
Government Buildings
SUVA

OR

Delivered to:

SPBEA
26 McGregor Road
SUVA

Electronic copies of ADS and ARDS Application forms are also available at the Australian High Commission website: www.fiji.embassy.gov.au and;

ADS & ALA applicants can also apply online on <http://oasis.ausaid.gov.au>

For more information on ADS/ALA visit: <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/default.cfm>

ARDS applications are available via hard copy only.

Enquiries can be directed to the Scholarship Coordinator, South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment on telephone number 3315 839 or email address: scholarships@spbea.org.fj

APPLICATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE:

- South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment, 26 McGregor Road, Suva.
- District Education Offices in the Central, Eastern, Western and Northern Division
- Australian High Commission website: www.fiji.highcommission.gov.au
- South Pacific Board for Education Assessment (SPBEA) Website; www.spbea.org.fj