



Australia Awards

Fiji

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards in Fiji

Australia is committed to promoting prosperity and reducing poverty in Fiji by working in areas of mutual interest including through business, trade, security and between government and non-government organisations. As the major transport and educational hub for the Pacific, Fiji is also an important partner for Australia in progressing regional development.

Australia Awards are aligned with Australia's development cooperation in Fiji, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors. They aim to provide awardees with the skills and knowledge to drive change and influence economic and social development.

Applicants will be assessed for their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact development challenges in Fiji.

Australia Awards are offered on the basis of merit, transparency and equal access. We strongly encourage applications from women and people with disability.

Level of Study

The Australia Awards include:

Australia Awards Scholarships

These scholarships provide citizens of Fiji with the opportunity to obtain an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification at an Australian tertiary institution for programs **not available** in Fiji.

Awards will be given for specific undergraduate programs while the majority of awards will be given for Postgraduate study up to Masters level only. **No PhD awards will be made available.**

Priority fields of study

Australia Awards Scholarships will be offered to individuals with the greatest potential to drive development in the following range of sectors;

Environment-related areas (including but not limited to Disaster Risk & Resilience, Climate Finance/Economics, Conservation, Green Growth, Food Security, Meteorology, Rural water supply and Sanitation, Waste Management, Herpetology)

Governance (including but not limited to Labour Law related to Industrial Relations, Monitoring and Evaluation, Institutional strengthening, Statistics, Compliance, Occupational Health & Safety, Social Protection, Community Development, Knowledge Management)

Economic Growth (including but not limited to International Trade, Foreign Trade, Debt Accounting, Commercial and Taxation law, Project Management, Digital Transformation, Tourism & Hospitality, Entrepreneurship, Aviation, Manufacturing and Processing, Innovation)

Education (including but not limited to Special & Inclusive Education, Disability, Early Childhood, Counselling, Speech Pathology, Interpreting, Curriculum Design, Evaluation & Assessment, TVET Education, Teaching English as a Second Language, Learning Technology)

Health (including but not limited to Nursing, Anaesthesia, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Surgery, Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Nephrology, Gender & Women's Health, Disability-related Health care, Oncoplastic, Ear, Nose and Throat, Disease Epidemics, Public Health related to Post-disaster, Gender, Disability, Health Promotion and Nutrition)

Infrastructure (including but not limited to Surveyors, Environment, Road and Marine Engineers, Urban, Rural and Environmental Planning, Landscaping, Water Supply & Sanitation, Building and Construction, Transportation)

Other priority sectors include Child Welfare/Protection, Disability and Gender Equality



Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships

These scholarships provide opportunities to Fiji citizens to study at a tertiary institution in the Pacific for the benefit of development in their home countries for programs **available** in Fiji.

Awards will be given up to Advanced Diploma level for TVET study.

Priority fields of study

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships will be offered to individuals with the greatest potential to drive development in the following range of sectors;

- **Building and Construction**
- **Transportation (Mechanical and Automotive engineering)**
- **Health (Midwifery only)**
- **Education (Early Childhood Education)**
- **Forestry and Fisheries**

Australia Awards Benefits

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

Scholarship recipients will generally receive the following:

- return air travel (for Australia Awards Scholarship awardees)
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- initial visa expenses (for Australia Awards Scholarship awardees)
- initial medical expenses (for Australia Awards Scholarship awardees)
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- Overseas Student Health Cover or basic medical costs for the duration of the Scholarship
- supplementary academic support, and
- fieldwork allowance—for research students and masters by course work which has a compulsory fieldwork component.

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook or the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook, depending on which scholarship they apply for.

Applicants must also meet the following specific eligibility requirements for Fiji:

Technical/Vocational:

- 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 3 years' relevant work experience, achieved a pass grade at least either Year 12 or Year 13 level or equivalent or through some form of continuing education or work related training
- should not hold TVET qualification
- be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of commencing the scholarship
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with any other government.

Undergraduate:

- must have an FSFE 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
- should not hold an undergraduate or Master's degree
- be a minimum of 18 years of age at the time of commencing the scholarship
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with any other government.

Postgraduate:

- should have achieved above average results in their undergraduate degree(s) and have at least 2 years' relevant work experience
- mature age applicants should have at least 10 years' relevant work experience, have 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
- should not hold a Master's degree
- no age limit, although a scholar's potential outputs on return from study will be assessed during selection.
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with any other government

Application dates for Australia Awards Scholarships & Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships

Opening date: 1 February 2017
Closing date: 30 April 2017

Applications or supporting documents received after this date will not be considered.

The application process

Online applications

Apply online at: [OASIS](#) for Australia Awards Scholarships and Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships.

We advise applicants submitting online to do so well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

Only hardcopy applications for the following Fiji National University colleges will be accepted:

1. College of Engineering, Science and Technology
2. College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
3. College of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit with their online application all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the relevant Australia Awards Policy Handbook.

Applicants submitting a hardcopy application must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Fiji:

Document type	Certified
One completed Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships application form with a recent photograph on each form	No – original only
One completed Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships <u>institution</u> application form	No – original only
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 Form Six official results notice	Yes
A copy of the Form Seven official results notice if applicable	Yes
Statement from last institution attended that English was the language of instruction	No – original only
Development Impact Plan	No – original only

The selection process

Following eligibility checking, applications will be shortlisted. The selection process will also include an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Academic competence
- Potential outcome, including contribution to development outcomes in your home country
- Professional and personal leadership attributes.

Preparatory training

- Successful Australia Awards Scholarships applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing
- Successful Australia Awards Scholarships applicants may be required to complete the following preparatory training and or testing:
 - IELTS-International English Language Testing System to assess English language competence
- Successful Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships applicants will attend an Orientation workshop upon commencement of their study.

Outcomes

Successful applicants will receive notification to attend an interview around late July. If you do not receive notification then your application has not been successful.

Further information

Further information about the Australia Awards can be found at:

<http://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards.aspx>

Information about visas and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the **Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Handbook**: **<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-policy-handbook-december-2015.aspx>**

or the **Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook**: **<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>**

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

Visit the following websites for programs of study in Fiji for the Australia Award Pacific Scholarships:

www.usp.ac.fj

www.fnu.ac.fj

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