



Australia Awards

Make a difference with an Australia Awards Scholarship Intake 2022



Australia Awards Scholarships

Do you want to be a leader in your field and join an inspiring network of changemakers?

Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development.

Australia Awards in Fiji is accepting scholarship applications for study at Australian Institutions in 2022.

Undergraduate applicants

Am I a desirable applicant for an undergraduate scholarship?

- I am a citizen of Fiji and I reside in Fiji
- I want to study a topic related to the Environment or Infrastructure sector
- I am committed to working in Fiji and contributing to Fiji's development
- I am currently in Year 13 and I have a Fiji Year 12 Certificate Examination minimum aggregate score of 320 out of 400 (English and three best subjects) or its equivalent
- OR I have completed high school and I have a Fiji Year 13 Certificate Examination minimum aggregate score of 320 out of 400 (English and three best subjects) or its equivalent
- OR I am a mature aged applicant with a tertiary qualification and at least three years of work experience relevant to the Environment or Infrastructure sectors
- I can meet the institution entry requirements for the courses I wish to undertake
- I am not applying for a visa to live in Australia or New Zealand
- I am not in a relationship with an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- I am not serving an existing scholarship bond
- I am not currently serving military personnel



Postgraduate applicants

Am I a desirable applicant for a postgraduate scholarship?

- I am a citizen of Fiji and I reside in Fiji
- I hold a first degree and I have at least 3 years of work experience relevant to the Environment, Governance or Health sector
- I want to study a topic that is not available locally and which is related to the Environment, Governance or Health sectors
- I can meet the institution entry requirements for the courses I wish to undertake
- I am committed to working in Fiji and contributing to Fiji's development
- I am not applying for a visa to live in Australia or New Zealand
- I am not in a relationship with an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- I am not serving an existing scholarship bond
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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. Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Fiji with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

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

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

What are the scholarship entitlements?

Scholarship awardees receive the following entitlements:

- ✓ Return economy airfare
- ✓ Full tuition fees
- ✓ Contribution to living expenses (also known as a stipend)
- ✓ Initial visa related expenses
- ✓ A once-off establishment allowance
- ✓ Introductory Academic Program
- ✓ Overseas Student Health Cover
- ✓ Supplementary Academic Support
- ✓ Field work allowance for masters by research and masters by coursework where there is a compulsory fieldwork component

When is the application closing date?

Applications open on 1 February 2021 and close on **30 April 2021**.

How do I apply?

All Intake 2022 Australia Awards Scholarship applications must be submitted online at the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) website - <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

What can I expect after my application is submitted?

May 2021	Applications are reviewed and assessed.
June 2021	Shortlisted applicants are notified and invited to attend an interview.
July 2021	Shortlisted applicants' interviews are held in Suva.
September 2021	Scholarship selections are announced.

Disability support

If you are a person with disability and you are experiencing challenges completing the online application, please contact the Australia Awards team at australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org



What can I study?

Australia Awards are offered for Bachelors degree or Masters degree qualifications only. PhDs are not available.

You must ensure that your proposed course of study is in one of the priority fields of study below and not available in Fiji.

Priority fields of study – undergraduate study

For Intake 2022, Australia Awards Scholarships are accepting undergraduate applications for studies related to the Environment and Infrastructure only.

Environment topics (including but not limited to):

- Aquaculture
- Biosecurity
- Climate change (including economics, policy and science)
- Conservation and environmental planning
- Energy, energy systems, renewable energy
- Environmental management
- Environment and resource economics
- Food science, food technology and sustainable agriculture
- Supply chain and logistics management
- Water resource management

Infrastructure topics (including but not limited to):

- Architecture
- Building and construction
- Engineering, including:
 - Agricultural
 - Biomedical
 - Civil
 - Electrical
 - Environment
 - Marine
 - Maritime
 - Mining
 - Water
- Metallurgy
- Property and facilities management
- Transport systems and management
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



Priority fields of study – postgraduate study

For Intake 2022 Australia Awards are accepting postgraduate applications for studies related to the Environment, Governance and Health only.

Environment (including but not limited to):

- Agricultural engineering
- Aquaculture
- Biosecurity
- Climate change
- Conservation
- Disaster risk reduction, resilience and adaptation
- Energy, energy systems, renewable energy
- Entomology
- Environment and resource economics
- Fish science
- Food security, food science and technology,
- Food packing innovation
- Herpetology
- Horticulture
- Meteorology
- Pathology
- Seismology
- Silviculture
- Supply chain and logistics management
- Waste management
- Water resource management

Governance (including but not limited to):

- Border control and quarantine
- Child protection
- Counter-terrorism
- Criminology and corrections
- Gender, disability, social inclusion and human rights
- Evaluation
- Human resource management
- Intelligence
- Security and strategic studies
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Statistics

Health – clinical (including but not limited to):

- Anaesthesiology
- Counselling
- Dermatology
- Emergency medicine
- Nursing specialisations including but not limited to:
 - Acute care nursing
 - Anaesthetics and recovery nursing (perioperative)
 - Cardiovascular nursing
 - Critical care
 - Emergency
 - Gerontological nursing
 - Oncology nursing
 - Renal nursing
 - Special care of the newborn nursing
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Radiology
- Women's health

Health – non-clinical (including but not limited to):

- Asset management and financial planning
- Biomedical engineering
- Disaster management
- Health information management systems
- Human resource management
- Logistics and supply chain management
- Training and development



Application process

What information is needed for an online scholarship application?

Applicants need to answer all sections in the online application and attach the required documentary evidence. Applicants should prepare information to answer the following sections of the online application:

- Full name, date of birth and contact details
- Spouse and children's details (if any)
- Emergency contact details
- Previous scholarship information (if any)
- Proposed study program – including the CRICOS code for 2 course preferences
- Qualifications
- English language details
- Computer literacy or training details (if any)
- Current employment details (if any)
- Previous employment (if any)
- Supporting statement (note, the responses to these questions will be assessed)
- Professional memberships (if any)

Documentary evidence

What documentary evidence do I need for my application?

Please prepare the following documents to attach to your application:

- Certified copy of proof of citizenship (a passport or birth certificate)*
- Certified copy of your Year 12 and/or Year 13 certificate and transcript*
- Certified copy of your prior tertiary certificates and transcripts*
- Copy of your school grading system
- Curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages)
- Two recent referee reports (less than 12 months old)

*Certification is to be conducted by a Justice of the Peace or a registered legal counsel.

How do I submit my application?

You must submit your application and supporting documentation online using the OASIS website - <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

For further information please refer to the OASIS user guide - <https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/oasis-applicant-user-guide.aspx>

Tips for applicants

Before you apply

Before beginning your application, you should consider the relationship between your academic and professional goals and Fiji's development needs. All applicants are expected to have clear ideas about how they will contribute to development in Fiji on their return from scholarship.

If you are a civil servant, you are strongly encouraged to seek prior approval from your respective Permanent Secretary before applying for the scholarship, in accordance with the Civil Service's Learning and Development guidelines.

Internet browser

Refer to the OASIS user guide to check in your internet browser is supported. This will ensure that all functions in OASIS work as anticipated for you.

OASIS User Guide:
<https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/oasis-applicant-user-guide.aspx>

Email address

We strongly recommend using a non-work, personal email for OASIS registration (e.g. Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail).

Some workplaces have spam filters that will also block automatically generated emails from the OASIS system.

In the unlikely event that you change workplaces during the application process, using a personal email will also ensure we can continue to communicate with you.

Course preferences and CRICOS codes

You need to provide two course preferences for your application – your first course preference and a second course preference (which is your back-up option).

We recommend using the Commonwealth Register for Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) website (<http://cricos.education.gov.au>).

CRICOS lists all the courses available for international students. Each course is given a unique CRICOS course code. To complete your scholarship application, you will need the unique CRICOS course codes for your two course preferences.

Course research tips

Start your course search at the CRICOS website:

- Go to the CRICOS website <http://cricos.education.gov.au>
- Click on 'Course Search'
- Adjust the search criteria to explore available courses. (E.g. type your topic into the 'Course Name' field or search for your field of study)
- The search will provide a list of courses that meet your search criteria
- Click on one of the course options
- It will display the Institution Name, Course Name and CRICOS Course Code
- Write down the courses you are interested in

We recommend you then visit the relevant university websites and undertake thorough research on the courses you are interested in studying. You may like to consider:

- The duration of the course
- The entry requirements stated on the university website
- The course structure and any course specialisations
- Click on the individual subjects to see what is included in each aspect of the course
- The relevance of the content of the individual subjects to your future work in Fiji
- The impact this course could have on expanding your knowledge and skills
- The academic staff that teach the course – consider the key people and their specialisations

- The reputation of the institution within your sector. (E.g. if you work in agriculture, consider if the university has a strong reputation in the agriculture sector)

Once you have a list of courses that meet your knowledge and skill development needs, consider speaking to people in your network—explore what they know about the courses and institutions you are considering.

Documentary Evidence File Size

You can attach your documentary evidence in one attachment or several separate attachments.

Each attachment file size must not exceed 2 megabytes (MB).

Documentary Evidence File Type

Your documentary evidence can be attached using the following file types: .doc, .doc.x, .rtf, .pdf, .jpeg, .gif, .tiff, .png, .bmp, .txt

Supporting statement character limits

Your supporting statement responses in your application will be scored and will form part of the assessment.

Your supporting statement responses will have a character limit. This is a character limit – not a word limit. Characters include letters, numbers, spaces and punctuation marks.

Applicants are encouraged to write clearly and concisely to convey their message within the character limit available.

Some applicants choose to write their responses in a Word document, which allows them to confirm the character count under the Review menu and Word Count function. Once ready, they then copy and paste their answer into OASIS.

Making changes to your application before the closing date

All applications can be edited in draft mode before they are submitted.

Before the closing date, if you have already submitted your application and need to edit it, there is an option to un-submit your application. Once you click un-submit, you can edit your application. Remember to resubmit it before the closing date. (The un-submit and edit option is only available before the closing date of 30 April 2021.)

Frequently Asked Questions

How will my application be assessed?

Selection is made on merit and in competition.

Complete applications will be assessed by independent shortlisting specialists using the Australia Awards criteria of academic merit, leadership skills, future potential to contribute to Fiji, writing skills and oral presentation skills.

The strongest applicants will be shortlisted and invited to attend an interview.

Incomplete applications will not be assessed.

What is the course duration?

The duration varies depending on the course content.

The maximum duration permitted under the scholarship for Bachelor level study is 4 years.

The maximum duration permitted under the scholarship for Master level study is 2 years.

Can I delay starting the scholarship and commence studies the following year?

If you are successful in being awarded a scholarship, you must commence study in the 2022 academic year.

Do I need an offer letter from the institution?

No, you do not need an offer letter for your scholarship application. Applicants who already have an institution offer letter are not advantaged in any way, as this does not form part of the assessment.

Australia Awards will help you enrol in the institution if you are successful in being awarded the scholarship.

How do I certify my documents?

Proof of citizenship and academic documents must be certified copies. Certification can be undertaken by a Justice of the Peace or a registered legal counsel.

Can I apply if I have a disability?

Persons with disability who meet the scholarship eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. A person will not be disadvantaged by declaring their disability. Reasonable adjustments and accommodations will be made to remove barriers for persons with disability. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements for the scholarship and submit a compliant application.

For more information about support for persons with disability, please contact the Australia Awards office (australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org)

If I am successful in my scholarship application and I become pregnant, will I lose the scholarship opportunity?

Pregnant applicants are encouraged to share their pregnancy information with the Australia Awards office at their earliest opportunity, so planning can be undertaken about the best time to commence studies. All applicants will be assessed equally. Pregnant applicants will not be disadvantaged.

Can I apply to study in Fiji?

This scholarship is called Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) and supports recipients to study in Australia.

There is a similar scholarship program called Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS), which supports recipients to study in the Pacific region, including Fiji. Please refer to the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships materials for more information.

More Information

Please contact the Australia Awards office.

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Suva, Fiji

References

Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook

<https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx>

Australia Awards program information

<https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards.aspx>

Fiji National Development Plan

<https://www.fiji.gov.fj/About-Fiji/National-Development-Plan>

The Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students

<http://cricos.education.gov.au>

OASIS Applications

<https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

OASIS User Guide

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