



Australia Awards

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Making a difference in Fiji with an Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship

Congratulations to the 30 Fijians who received Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships to study in Fiji this year.

In preparation for their new journey, Australian Government representatives joined the awardees in Suva this morning to provide a briefing with essential information that awardees need upon arrival at their educational institution, including advice about accommodation and enrolment, as well as to discuss their obligations as Australia Awards recipients.

Australia's High Commissioner to Fiji, H.E. John Feakes, said Australia is committed to supporting Fiji's efforts to promote prosperity, reduce poverty and enhance political stability.

"We work closely with the Government of Fiji to determine the country's priorities for development. The awards application process was open and competitive, providing equal opportunity to all eligible citizens in Fiji regardless of gender, ethnicity and disability.

The 2019 Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship intake is particularly exciting as we were able to identify three females who will be studying in traditionally male-dominated fields including automotive, mechanical engineering and quantity surveying," he said.

"We are also delighted to be supporting the health sector for the third consecutive year, by awarding 12 nurses to study Midwifery, responding directly to the country's need for more midwives."

The Australia Awards are prestigious scholarships offered by the Australian Government to individuals who strive to be leaders in their respective fields and make a difference in their home country.

The Awardees will be studying at the Fiji National University and the University of the South Pacific, in priority fields including; Midwifery, Early Childhood Education and Care, Building, Quantity Surveying, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Automotive Engineering.

For more information on the Scholarship, click on our website:

<https://fiji.highcommission.gov.au/suva/study.html> or follow us on Facebook @australiainfiji to find out more about our 2020 intake, which opens on 01 February 2019.

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