



Fiji

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Fiji

Australia's international development assistance supports inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction in Fiji, by promoting private sector development.

Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships 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 make an impact on development challenges in Fiji.

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

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Fiji with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at either an Australian or Pacific tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2022 within the following allocations:

Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) for undergraduate and postgraduate studies in priority topics at Australian institutions. Awards are not available for PhD studies.

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) for the following Fiji National University (FNU) courses:

Technical Vocational Education & Training (TVET):

- Diploma in Construction
- Diploma in Quantity Surveying
- Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Diploma in Marine Engineering

Postgraduate:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2022:

Opening date: 1 February 2021

Closing date: 30 April 2021

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

Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS)

Undergraduate Priority fields of study

Environment (including but not limited to): aquaculture, biosecurity, climate change, conservation and environment planning, energy, energy systems and renewable energy, environmental management, environment and resource economics, food science, food technology and sustainable agriculture, supply chain and logistics management, and water resource management.

Infrastructure (including but not limited to): architecture, building and construction, engineering (agricultural, biomedical, civil, electrical, environment, marine, maritime, mining, water), metallurgy, property and facilities management, transport systems and management, and water, sanitation and hygiene.

Postgraduate Priority fields of study

Environment (including but not limited to): agricultural engineering, aquaculture, biosecurity, climate change, conservation, disaster risk reduction, energy systems and renewable energy, entomology, environment and resource economics, food science, food security, food science and technology, food packing innovation, horticulture, meteorology, herpetology, pathology, seismology, silviculture, supply chain and logistics management, waste management, and 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 resources management, intelligence, security and strategic studies, occupational health and safety, and statistics.

Health - clinical (including but not limited to): anaesthesiology, dermatology, emergency medicine, nursing specialisations (acute care nursing, anaesthetics and recover nursing, cardiovascular nursing, critical care, emergency, gerontological nursing, oncology nursing, renal nursing, special care for newborn nursing), counselling, psychology, psychiatry, radiology, and women's health.

Health – non-clinical (including but not limited to): asset management, financial planning, biomedical engineering, disaster management, health information management systems, human resource management, logistics and supply chain management, and training and development.

The Governments of Australia and Fiji regularly review these areas of study and together ensure the priorities are aligned to Fiji's current and emerging development needs.

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
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- overseas student health cover for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support
- field work 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

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

Country-specific requirements

In addition to meeting the general eligibility criteria, applicants must also meet the following country-specific eligibility requirements to be considered for an award.

- must be residing in Fiji at the time of application

- program of study must not be available locally
- must be a minimum of 18 years of age at the 1 Feb 2022
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with Fiji or any other government
- must be able to meet the institutional entry requirements for their proposed course
- civil servants are strongly encouraged to seek prior approval from their respective Permanent Secretaries, in accordance with the Civil Service's Learning and Development guidelines.

For Undergraduate level study:

Undergraduate applicants must:

- have completed Year 12 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate mark of 320 out of 400 (English and three best subjects) or equivalent and be studying Year 13. Scholarship will be dependent on applicant achieving a minimum aggregate result of 320 out of 400 in 2021, OR
- have completed Year 13 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate mark of 320 out of 400 (English and three best subjects) or equivalent
- mature age applicants who have completed a qualification should have 3 years' work experience in the priority sector
- not hold an equivalent or higher qualification either at time of application or commencement of award (i.e. proposed courses must be progressive, higher than current qualification)

For Postgraduate level study:

Postgraduate applicants must:

- hold a first degree relevant to proposed course of study and priority sector
- have at least three years' work experience in the priority sector
- not hold a Master's degree either at time of application or commencement of award.

Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded, this however also depends on travel restrictions due to COVID-19.

The AAS 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/>

AAS supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the table.

AAS Application Document Checklist	
Document type	Certified
Proof of citizenship (certified copy of passport or birth certificate)	Yes
Certified copy of graduation certificate (Year 12/ 13 or Tertiary)	Yes
Certified copy of official academic transcript	Yes
Certified copy of Grading System	Yes
Statement from last institution attended that English was the language of instruction OR If the applicants proposed institution requires it, an original English language test (IELTS or TOEFL) result	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV) including applicants person details, academic qualifications, work experience and responsibilities (no more than 3 pages)	No-original only
Two recent referee reports (less than 12 months old) *Masters by research must provide two academic referee reports.	No-original only

The selection process

- All applications will be checked for eligibility and compliance. Only eligible applicants will be assessed.
- Eligible applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Fiji
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview and possibly a written test.
- Successful candidates will be notified by September 2021.

Preparatory training

Successful AAS applicants will be required to attend:

- pre-departure briefing
- an Introductory Academic Program before commencing in their academic program (conducted in Australia)
- applicants 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 the application process, however applicants should check entry requirements of selected institutions carefully as this may be an entry requirement.

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS)

AAPS scholarships provide Fiji citizens with the opportunity to study priority programs at a tertiary institution in Fiji. For Intake 2022 Awards will be offered for the following FNU courses:

Technical Vocational Education & Training (TVET):

- Diploma in Construction
- Diploma in Quantity Surveying
- Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Diploma in Marine Engineering.

Postgraduate:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery.

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
- basic medical costs for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support.

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at: <https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-policy-handbook-december-2015.aspx>

Country-specific requirements

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

For TVET:

- must have a minimum Year 12 aggregate result of 250 out of 400 or equivalent (for English and three best subjects)
- mature age applicants must have at least 5 years' relevant work experience, achieved a pass grade at Year 12/13 or have some work-related training

For Postgraduate:

- must hold a Diploma of Nursing or Bachelor of Nursing with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- must have 3 years' experience including a minimum of 6 months obstetric nursing experience

All AAPS applicants:

- must apply for a qualification that is progressive (i.e. higher than their current level of study)
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with any other government
- civil servants are strongly encouraged to seek approval from their respective Permanent Secretary (in accordance with the Civil Service's Learning and Development guidelines).

The application process

Online applications

Applications for a **Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery** must be lodged online through the online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at:

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

Hardcopy applications

AAPS application forms for: Diploma in Construction, Diploma in Quantity Surveying, Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, Diploma in Marine Engineering can be found on the Australia Awards website:

www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org or by emailing: australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org

Completed application forms should be submitted as follows:

- Email to: australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org OR
- Hardcopy to: Ground Floor, Sabrina Building, Corner of Gordon St and Victoria Parade, Suva, Fiji OR
- Postal to: Australia Awards Office GPO BOX 17384, Suva, Fiji.

Hardcopy applications will also be accepted from marginalised groups.

AAPS supporting documents

AAPS applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the below table, along with their application.

AAPS Application Document Checklist	
Document type	Certified
A completed Fiji National University application form	No
Proof of citizenship (certified copy of passport or birth certificate)	Yes
Certified copy of graduation certificate (Year 12, Year 13 or Tertiary)	Yes
Certified copy of official academic transcript	Yes
Copy of grading system	Yes
Two recent referee reports (less than 12 months old)	No - original only
Curriculum Vitae (CV) detailing academic qualifications, leadership and relevant work experiences (no more than three pages)	No - original only

The selection process

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- Eligible applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence

- potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Fiji
- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.

- Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview and possibly a written test.
- Successful candidates will be notified by September 2021.

Preparatory training

Successful AAPS applicants will be required to attend:

- pre-departure briefing (facilitated by Australia Awards)
- an Introductory Academic Program before commencing in their academic program (facilitated by institution)

Further information

Detailed information about the Australia Awards (Fiji) program can be found at:

www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org

General information about Australia Awards and studying in Australia or the Pacific can be found at:

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

<https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au>

Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook:

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

Information about FNU's Programs can be found at: <https://programmes.fnu.ac.fj/>

Contact details

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Australia Awards Information Centre
Ground Floor, Sabrina Building
Corner of Gordon St and Victoria Parade
Suva, Fiji

Information Centre

Australia Awards (Fiji) has an Information Centre that is equipped with education institution materials as well as computers that individuals can access.

The Centre is open: Monday to Friday from 9.00am-4:30pm.

Facilities are also available for people with disability.

Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the Information Centre or to contact staff through email or phone (details above).