



Australia Awards

French Polynesia

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in French Polynesia

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders in developing countries. 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 impact on development challenges in eligible countries.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for eligible French Polynesians are:

- Data Science, Telecommunications, Information Technology and Digital Economy
- Renewable Energy Transition
- Tourism, including Eco-Tourism and Agro-Tourism
- Agriculture and Primary Resources
- Natural and Physical Science
- Environment and Natural Resource Management
- Social Science

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of French Polynesia with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2026 within the following allocations:

- Graduate Diploma; or
- Master's by coursework or research

Australia Awards 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,
- fieldwork 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](#).

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from French Polynesia must also meet the following conditions:

- French national (Persons with dual French-Australian or French-New Zealand nationality are not eligible)
- completed majority of schooling (primary or secondary) in one of the three French collectives
- must not hold or have substantially completed a Master's degree at the time of application
- minimum GPA 3.0
- applicants must have achieved an IELTS (academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score; and
- scores must be valid as 31 January 2026.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2026:

Opening date: 1 February 2025

Closing date: 30 April 2025 (11:59PM AEST)

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

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through [OASIS](#).

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all the relevant supporting documents listed in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for French Polynesia

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Passport and/or birth certificate	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Undergraduate and/or postgraduate level qualifications	Academic transcripts	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	CV or resumes	No
Minimum two referee reports including from current employer (required) plus one other (previous employer, mentor, academic supervisor)	Referee report	No
Proof of English language proficiency	IELTS, TOEFL or PTE academic results	No

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. The selection process includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in French Polynesia.
- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2025.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Australian Government Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- [Australia Awards Scholarships](#)
- [Study Australia](#)

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#).

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