



Australia Awards

Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)

Australia's international development assistance in the FSM helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

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 FSM citizens are:

- Health
- International Law (Legal and Justice Studies) and International Relations
- Education
- Environmental Studies
- Agriculture and Food Security
- Marine Studies and Natural Resource Management
- Tourism
- Economics (development planning and international trade)
- Information and Technology
- Engineering
- Business Administration (accounting and financial management)

The governments of Australia and the FSM regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program.

Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) and Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) provide citizens of FSM with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian or Pacific Institution.

Awards for undergraduate and postgraduate study will be offered for commencement in 2026.

Awards will be offered at the following levels:

- Graduate certificate/diploma
- Bachelor degree
- Master's by research or coursework



Awards for Aviation Management at Griffith University Australia will be offered for commencement in 2026.

Two awards are available:

- Bachelor of Aviation Management
- Graduate Certificate (postgraduate) in Aviation Management

Important: PhD applications will not be available for the 2026 Intake.

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 benefits:

- full tuition fees
- return air travel
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- 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 Policy Handbooks:

- [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#)
- [Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook](#)

Important: Information about applying for student visas, entitlements and conditions can also be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbooks.

Country-specific conditions

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age on 1 February of the year commencing the scholarship.
- Be currently residing in the FSM, with some exception for applicants working for the Government of the FSM in a third country.
- If recipient of a previous scholarship, including Australia Awards, have worked in FSM for a minimum of two years cumulatively.
- Not currently hold another scholarship with the same benefits.
- Not have been terminated from a previous Australian Government scholarship.
- Not a current serving member of the military.
- No criminal history.

English language proficiency

All applicants must be able to satisfy all relevant university admission requirements.

AAS applicants must meet the Australia Awards Scholarship Policy requirements on English Language Test Scores: International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall score of at least 6.5, with no band less than 6.0; or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 84, with a minimum of 21 in all subtests; or PTE Academic overall score of 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50. Scores must be valid on 1 January 2026.

English language requirements may also be met if applicants have undertaken their education in English (evidence by their academic transcript and/or letter from academic institution), which is subject for approval and exemption by the preferred institution.

Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded, dependent on travel restrictions. Should an awardee not be able to commence study in 2026 for reasons unrelated to travel restrictions, the scholarship may be withdrawn.

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

❖ Pacific Institutions (Undergraduate and Postgraduate):

- Must have either Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree or 2-year equivalent undergraduate studies for bachelor's degree programs, and a
- Postgraduates must have a bachelor's degree by the end of the spring or summer semester of 2025
- Applicants who wish to study any programs at the University of the South Pacific (USP) and University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) require an associate degree with a **minimum GPA of 3.0**
- Applicants who wish to study Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) at Fiji National University (FNU) requires an Associate Degree in Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) at the College of Micronesia (COM) with a **minimum GPA of 3.5**
- Applicants who wish to study other medical programs at FNU requires an associate degree in HCOP at the COM with a **minimum GPA of 3.0.**
- Postgraduate degree applicants must have at least 3-years work experience.

❖ Australian Institutions (Undergraduate graduate certificate/diploma and Postgraduate):

- Undergraduates must have successfully completed FSM Year 12 High School Diploma or equivalent General Education Degree (GED) or adult high school certificate and with a **minimum GPA of 4.00** for bachelor's degree of any field.
- Bachelor level study must not hold or have substantially completed an equivalent or higher qualification at the time of application.
- Postgraduate degree applicants must have already obtained a degree related to the proposed area of study
- Postgraduate degree applicants must have at least 3-years work experience
- Must not hold a or have substantially completed a master's degree at the time of application.

For Aviation Management Awards to Australia

Bachelor of Aviation Management

- Must have successfully completed FSM Year 12 High School Diploma or equivalent GED or adult high school certificate.
- Must not hold or have substantially completed an equivalent or higher qualification at the time of application.

Or Professional Entry pathway (for Aviation Management)

- Undergraduate degree in an area relevant to the degree major OR
- At least 5 years equivalent full-time work experience in the aviation industry; and either
 - Professional aviation industry qualifications (e.g. Air traffic controller or commercial pilot) OR
 - A technical aviation industry certificate plus at least a Cert IV level qualification in a field relevant to the degree majors

Graduate Certificate (postgraduate) level study (For Aviation Management)

- Must have already obtained a first degree related to the proposed area of study, and
- At least two years relevant work experience.
- Must not hold or have completed a master's degree at the time of application.

For further information on Aviation Management, refer to [Griffith University](#)

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia and Pacific 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* for studying in Australia, and *Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook* for studying in Pacific institutions.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for FSM:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified (Y/N)
Copy of Birth Certificate and valid Passport Bio-page	Proof of Citizenship	Yes
Copy of official academic transcripts	Academic Transcript	Yes
Copy of degree certificate(s)	Degree Certificate	No
Copy of police clearance (most recent)	Other Document	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (no more than three pages)	Other Document: CV or Resume	No
If employed, reference letter from employer supporting for your study program	Referee Report	No
AAS students must provide a valid TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic results.	Proof of English Language Proficiency	No
Applicants for Master's Degree must also provide: 1. Academic Referee Reports (with university seal): 2. Employment Referee report with a seal	Referee Report Template	No

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking. Late applications will not be considered.
- 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 FSM.
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than August 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

Information about the Australia Awards FSM can be found at [FSM - Embassy](#).

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](#)

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