



Australia Awards

# Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI)

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in FSM and RMI

Australia's international development assistance to FSM and RMI 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 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 impact on development challenges in FSM and RMI.

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

### Priority fields of study

Priority sectors for study through Australia Awards in FSM and RMI are:

- Education and Health, including Pathology,
- Environment and climate change
- Natural Resource Management including fisheries and food security,
- Cybersecurity,
- Psychology, Social work and social protection
- International Law and international relations

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

### Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of FSM and RMI with the opportunity to obtain a Master's Degree or Doctorate Degree qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2022.

### 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*, available at: [dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)



## English language proficiency

Applicants must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2021.

## 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.

## Country-specific conditions

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

### For Master's Degree level study:

- must hold a Bachelor Degree and have achieved above average results and have at least 3 years' relevant work experience
- not hold or have held a scholarship to study outside their home country in the 24 months preceding the application
- Applicants should have an IELTS or TOEFL at pass rate of 6.5 for each band that is current at the time of application
- must not hold a Master's Degree.

### For Doctorate Degree (PhD) level study

- must hold a Master's Degree and have achieved above average results and have at least 3 years' relevant work experience
- not hold or have held a scholarship to study outside their home country in the 24 months preceding the application
- Applicants should have an IELTS or TOEFL at pass rate of 6.5 for each band that is current at the time of application
- must not hold a PhD Degree.

## Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2022

Opening date: **1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

Closing date: **30<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (11:59pm Canberra Time)**

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

## Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through the *Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System* (OASIS) at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

## Supporting documents

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

Required document	Certified
Copy of Certificate of Live (Birth Certificate)	Yes
Copy of a valid passport biodata	Yes
Copy of College Degree certificate and official academic transcripts	Yes
Copy of University Degree certificate and official academic transcripts	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV) of applicant, academic qualifications and work-related experience (no more than three pages)	Yes
A copy of reference/support letter from your employer on their recommendation for the study program	Yes

## 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 FSM and RMI
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than **30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**.

## 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 & RMI] can be found at [www.fsm.embassy.gov.au](http://www.fsm.embassy.gov.au)

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

- <https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships.aspx>
- [studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://studyinaustralia.gov.au)

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: [dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

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