



Australia Awards

Kiribati

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Kiribati

Australia's international development assistance in Kiribati 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 gain 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 Kiribati.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Kiribati are set in accordance with the Government of Kiribati Human Resource Development Priority List, called the 'Pre-Service Priority List' for non-employed undergraduates and the 'In-Service Priority List' for those employed in the government sector; which is available on the Government of Kiribati Public Service Office website.

The governments of Australia and Kiribati regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: www.pso.gov.ki

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Kiribati with the opportunity to obtain a qualification (Diploma, Bachelor's Degree, Postgraduate Diploma & Masters) at an Australian tertiary institution. Pacific awards will only be offered to postgraduate medical students intending to specialise in their medical field.

PhD applications will not be considered for the 2024 Intake.

Awards will be offered for undergraduate and postgraduate programs commencing in 2024.

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 seeking to study in Australia must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available [here](#).

Those applicants seeking to study in the region must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available [here](#).

Country-specific conditions

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

- Applicants currently undertaking Form 7 (or equivalent) must successfully complete their studies
- Applicants who have previously received other tertiary scholarships must satisfy related 'employment bond' conditions prior to 1 February 2023.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2024:

Opening date: 1 February 2023

Closing date: 1 May 2023 (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 <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook* (or the *Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook* for those seeking to study in the region [if required])

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

| Required document | OASIS document type | Certified |
|---|---------------------|-----------|
| Complete Transcript (Academic Transcript should have a 'Completed' status) | Academic Transcript | No |
| Curriculum Vitae | CV or Resume | No |
| Reference | Referee Report | No |
| For previously funded GoK students, official letter from GoK confirming your bond period is complete. | Other | No |

*Ensure naming conventions match as outlined in OASIS.

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 Kiribati.
- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- We anticipate successful candidates will be notified no later than 30 July 2023.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and
- Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and 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.

Frequently Asked Topics

- Minimum age for applying - applicants should be 18 years of age by 1 February of year commencing scholarship.
- Programs not offered from the PSO Priority list – Commercial Pilot License is not offered and MBBS is only offered in the region.
- Applying from outside Kiribati – applications will not be accepted if the applicant is currently residing overseas.
- IELTS– applicants are not required to sit an IELTS prior to submission of the online application.

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards Kiribati can be found at [Home \(embassy.gov.au\)](https://www.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:

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- 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

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