



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 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 Kiribati are set in accordance with the Government of Kiribati Human Resource Development Priority List. The Priority List is divided into two categories:

- i) 'Pre-Service Priority List' which consists of undergraduate programs and;
- ii) 'In-Service Priority List' which consists of postgraduate programs.

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 [Public Service Office – Kiribati Government](#).

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Kiribati with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution. Awards for study in the Pacific will only be offered to postgraduate medical students intending to specialise in their medical field and postgraduate students intending to pursue the nursing and teaching programs. All other scholarships will be undertaken at Australian universities.

Awards will be offered for undergraduate and postgraduate programs commencing in 2026.

PhD applications will not be considered for the 2026 intake except in very limited circumstances. Applicants interested in doctoral level (PhD) study should send their proposal to TarawaScholarships@dfat.gov.au for special consideration and an invitation to apply.

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 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 2025.

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 [News - OASIS](#). Applicants from outer islands will need to discuss with High Commission staff ahead of the closing date if they wish to submit their applications via email or hard copy.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all 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).

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

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 Kiribati
 - 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.
- Where applicable and supported, intensive English training.

Further information

Information about Australia Awards Kiribati can be found at the Australian High Commission website at **Home**

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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