



Australia Awards

Nauru

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Nauru

Australia's international development assistance in Nauru 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 eligible Nauruans are:

- Aviation Management
- Education
- Health (including Veterinary Science)
- Engineering
- Policy and Governance
- Business and Finance
- Environment and Fisheries Management
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

The governments of Australia and Nauru regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Applicants should contact the Australia Awards office in Nauru for further information on the 2026 Intake priority areas.

Level of study

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

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

- Certificate IV Diploma
- Bachelor degree
- Master (by research or coursework)
- Doctorate (PhD)

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 Nauru must also meet the following conditions:

For Diploma level study, scholarship awardees:

- Must have completed QCE (including TVET subjects) or any other Australian State or Territory Year 12 qualification or successfully completed Fiji Year 12 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate of 200 out of 400 or its equivalent (including English plus best three subjects) or have completed Certificate III and Certificate IV in relevant areas.
- Must not hold an equivalent TVET qualification.

For Bachelor level study, scholarship awardees:

- Must have successfully completed QCE or any other Australian State Year 12 qualification or successfully completed Fiji Year 12 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate of 200 out of 400 or its equivalent (including English plus best three subjects).
- Must not hold or have substantially completed an equivalent or higher qualification at the time of application.

For Master's level study, scholarship awardees:

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

Applicants must take note of the following:

- Applicants who do not hold an Australian State Territory Year 12 or Fiji Year 12 certificate but possess an equivalent qualification or relevant work experience are eligible to apply.
- Must not be under any bond arrangements at the time of commencement of an award. This only applies to applicants who have previously completed study under an Australia Awards scholarship.
- Must have accrued a minimum of 12 months residency in Nauru before accepting scholarship.

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 Nauru:

ALL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Proof of citizenship, such as birth certificate or passport; or photographic identification if passport is not available (e.g., student card, or driver's license)	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Employment referee report with seal	Referee report template	No
Curriculum vitae, that lists all prior employment, professional development and study, and any publications, conference presentations or professional memberships.	CV or Resumé	No
Academic transcripts, (translated into English if required). For any prior study completed in a country other than Australia or New Zealand, applicants must provide a letter from the institution to verify that English was used as the language of instruction.	Academic transcripts	Yes
Certificates for all completed study (including degree certificates for Master and Doctoral level applicants).	Certificates	No

***Note:** Certification will only be required for those that will be shortlisted for interview.

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 Nauru.
 - 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 Department of Home Affairs, Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- IELTS testing
- 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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