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

Priority fields of study
The priority areas of study for Nauru are:
• Leadership, Governance and Finance
• Health
• Education
• Information and Communications Technology
• Infrastructure Development and Management
• Fisheries Management
• Engineering

The governments of Australia and Nauru regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Applicants should contact the Australian High Commission in Nauru office for further information on the 2022 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 2022 within the following allocations:
• Certificate IV
• Diploma
• Bachelor Degree
• Masters (by research or by coursework)
• Doctorate

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 (compulsory fieldwork only)

Eligibility criteria
Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook.

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 2022.
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 Nauru must also meet the following conditions:

For Diploma level study, awardees
• must have completed QCE (including TVET subjects) or any other Australian State Year 12 qualification or successfully completed Fiji Year 12 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate of 200 out 400 or its equivalent (including English plus best three subjects) or have completed Cert 3 and Cert 4 Certificates 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 13 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate of 200 out 400 or its equivalent (including English plus best three subjects)
• must not hold an equivalent qualification (e.g. degree) of higher qualification (e.g. post graduate of Masters) at time of application or commencement of award.

For Masters level study, scholarship awardees
• must have already obtained a first degree related to the proposed area of study and at least two years of relevant work experience
• must not hold a Masters degree either at the time of application or commencement of award.

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, candidates from Nauru must also meet the following country specific requirements:
• must not be under any bond arrangements at the time of commencement of an award
• must have accrued a minimum of 12 months residence in Nauru before accepting scholarship.

Application dates
For study commencing in Australia in 2022:
Opening date: 1 February 2021
Closing date: 30 April 2021 (11:59pm Canberra Time)
Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

The application process
Online applications
Applications must be lodged online at the following website: OASIS

Supporting documents
Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the table below:

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<td>Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level)</td>
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<td>Academic transcripts (where they are not in English please provide an English translation) and if required a letter from institution of study or high school that English was the medium of instruction</td>
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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 no later than 30 October 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

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

- Australia Awards
- 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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