



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 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 Australia Awards office in Nauru for further information on the 2023 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 for undergraduate and postgraduate study will be offered for commencement in 2023 as follows:

- Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) for study at Australian institutions;
- Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) for study at the University of South Pacific or Fiji National University.

Awards will be offered at the following levels:

- Certificate IV
- Diploma
- Bachelor Degree
- Masters (by research or 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

Prior to commencement of their course of study, 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 2023.

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, scholarship 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 or have substantially completed an equivalent or higher qualification at the time of application.

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 or have substantially completed a Masters degree at the time of application.

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. This only applies to applicants who have previously completed study under an Australia Awards scholarship
- must have accrued a minimum of 12 months residence in Nauru before accepting scholarship.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2023:

Opening date: 1 February 2022

Closing date: 29 April 2022 (11:59PM AEST)

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

The application process

Online applications

Apply online through **OASIS**.

Supporting documents

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

Note that any documents presented in a language other than English, must be translated into English. Translations do not have to be certified and translations by the applicant are acceptable.

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
ALL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:		
1. Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate/passport if available and photographic identification i.e. student card/drivers licences if passport is not available.	Proof of Citizenship	Yes
2. Employment Referee report with seal	Referee Report Template	No
3. Curriculum Vitae Note: CV's must list all prior employment and study, professional development and any publications, conference presentations or professional memberships	CV or Resume	No
4. Academic transcripts. Note: Where they are not in English please provide an English translation. For any prior study completed in a country other than Australia or New Zealand, a letter from the institution or school must be provided to verify that English was used as the language of instruction.	Academic Transcripts	Yes
5. Certificates for all completed study (including degree certificates for Masters and Doctoral level applicants)	Certificates	Yes

APPLICANTS FOR MASTERS OR DOCTORATE MUST ALSO PROVIDE:		
6. Academic Referee Reports (with university seal): a. Masters by Coursework applicants: one report b. Masters by Research: two reports c. Doctorate: two reports	Referee Report Template	No
APPLICANTS FOR AAS TO STUDY IN AUSTRALIA MUST ALSO PROVIDE:		
7. A valid IELTS, TOEFL or PTE Academic results Note that if applicants are not able to provide a valid test result on application, if selected they must sit a test and meet all English language requirements.	Proof of English Language Proficiency	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 Nauru
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 30 October 2022

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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