



**Australia Awards**

# New Caledonia

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in New Caledonia

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders. Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links with Australia.

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

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for eligible New Caledonians are:

- Natural and Physical Science
- Environment and Natural Resource Management
- Engineering, Minerals and Renewable Energy Transition
- Maritime and Marine Science
- Agriculture and Food Science
- Sustainable Development, Tourism, Hospitality and Business Studies
- Social Science
- Demographics.

Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at:

<https://australianconsulatenoumea.embassy.gov.au/nmea/study.html>

### Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2025 within the following allocations:

- Graduate Diploma; or
- Master by coursework or research.

### 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*, available at: [dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

## Country-specific conditions

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

- French national (Persons with dual French-Australian or French-New Zealand nationality are not eligible)
- completed majority of schooling (primary or secondary) in one of the three French collectives
- must not hold or have substantially completed a Master's degree at the time of application
- minimum GPA 3.0
- applicants must have achieved an IELTS (academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score; and
- scores must be valid as 31 January 2025.

## Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2025:

Opening date: 1 February 2024

Closing date: 30 April 2024 (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 at <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

### 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 New Caledonia:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Passport and/or birth certificate	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Undergraduate and/or postgraduate level qualifications	Academic transcripts	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	CV or resume	No
Minimum two referee reports including from current employer (required), plus one other (previous employer, mentor, academic supervisor etc)	Referee report	No
Proof of English language proficiency	IELTS, TOEFL or PTE academic results	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 address priority challenges in New Caledonia,
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2024.
- Awardee travel is subject to meeting the requirements of 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:

- 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:

- [dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships](https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships)
- <https://www.studyaustralia.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](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

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