**Australia Awards scholarships in Papua New Guinea**

Australia’s international development assistance in Papua New Guinea 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 Papua New Guinea.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and the provinces.

**Priority fields of study**

The priority areas of study for Papua New Guinea are:

- Agriculture
- Education
- Health
- Governance
- Law & justice
- Transport and infrastructure

The governments of Australia and Papua New Guinea 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 www.australiaawardspng.org.

**Level of study**

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2021 within the following allocations:

- **Masters by Coursework** (approx. 90% awards) – the majority of awards will be offered at the Masters level qualification to extend technical expertise across the priority sectors.
- **Undergraduate** (approx. 5% awards) - a limited number of undergraduate awards will be offered for study course topics not offered in Papua New Guinea, which will contribute to a priority sector and/or for people living with a disability.
- **PhD and Masters by Research** (approx. 5% awards) - a limited number of research awards will be offered to strengthen the capacity of Papua New Guinean teaching and research institutions.

**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


English language proficiency

Applicants must have achieved an Academic IELTS overall score of 6.5 or higher (with no band less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2021.

Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded. Should an awardee not be able to commence study in 2021, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Papua New Guinea must also meet the following conditions:
• be applying for a course that demonstrates contribution to a priority sector; and
• have a minimum of two year’s work experience in their professional field.

Public Category applicants

In addition to the basic eligibility requirements, public servant candidates must also meet the Government of Papua New Guinea requirements, including:
• employment in a public sector agency for two years; and
• nomination from candidate’s employment agency and endorsement from the Department of Personnel Management.

Public Category applicants should familiarise themselves with General Order, No. 6 available from the Department of Personnel Management’s website: www.dpm.gov.pg.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2021:
Opening date: 1 February 2020
Closing date: 30 April 2020 (11:59pm Canberra Time)
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/

Certification for Papua New Guinea applications require a Commissioner of Oath certification (signed, dated and stamped 1 January 2018 or later).

Supporting documents

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

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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 Papua New Guinea
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
• Successful candidates will be notified no later than 30 August 2020.
Preparatory training
Successful applicants will be required to attend:

• course counselling
• pre-departure training
• university’s Introductory Academic Program
• other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information
Information about the Australia Awards—Papua New Guinea can be found at www.australiaawardspng.org.

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia’s aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

• 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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