



Australia Awards

# Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in RMI

Australia's international development assistance in RMI 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 RMI are:

- health
- education and skills development
- environmental management, including climate change mitigation and disaster risk reduction
- natural resource management, including maritime and fisheries
- agricultural and rural development
- cybersecurity and national security
- psychology, social work, and social protection
- international policy and law.

The governments of Australia and RMI regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Applicants should contact the Australian Embassy in Majuro for further information on the 2026 intake priority areas.

### Level of study

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

Australia Awards scholarships also provide citizens of RMI with the opportunity to complete undergraduate and postgraduate study at Pacific institutions through the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) program.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2026.

### 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 RMI must also meet the following conditions:

#### For Master's Degree level study:

- Must hold a bachelor's degree (prior to commencing study), with above average results.
- At least 3 years relevant work experience.
- Must not hold or have held another scholarship to study outside of the RMI in the 24 months preceding the application.
- Applicants must have an IELTS or TOEFL at pass rate of 6.5 for each band that is current at the time of application.
- Must not already hold a Master's degree.

#### For Doctorate Degree (PhD) level study:

- Must hold a Master's degree (prior to commencing study), with above average results.
- Must have at least 3 years relevant work experience.
- Must not hold or have held another scholarship to study outside of the RMI in the 24 months preceding the application.
- Applicants must have an IELTS or TOEFL at pass rate of 6.5 for each band that is current at the time of application.
- If proposing to complete by research, must provide letter of recommendation from sponsoring professor.
- Must not already hold a PhD.

#### Undergraduate and Post-Graduate

- Must hold an Associates degree or USP Foundation Studies certificate (prior to commencing study) with minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Must currently be residing in RMI.
- If the recipient of a previous scholarship (including Australia Awards), must have worked in RMI for a minimum of two years cumulatively.
- Must not currently hold another scholarship with the same benefits.
- Must be able to meet the visa requirement of your proposed country of study.

### 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 RMI:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Certified copy of live birth certificate	Proof of Citizenship	Yes
Copy of valid passport biodata page	Proof of Citizenship	Yes
Copy of University Degree certificate and official academic transcripts	Academic Transcripts	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV) of applicant, academic qualifications, and work experience (no more than three pages)	CV or Resume	Yes
Certificates for all completed study	Certificates	No
<b>For AAS only:</b> A copy of reference/support letter from your employer on their recommendation for the study program	Letter	No
<b>For AAS only:</b> Valid TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic (if applicant is not able to provide a valid result on application, they may be required to sit a test to meet the English language requirement and successfully receive a scholarship)	Proof of English Language Proficiency	No
<b>For AAS PhD applicants only:</b> A letter from sponsoring professor accepting you as a PhD student	Letter	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 RMI.
- 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 Department of Home Affairs and 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:

- [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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