



Australia Awards

Solomon Islands

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Solomon Islands

Australia's international development assistance in Solomon Islands 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 Solomon Islands are:

- Economic Growth
- Infrastructure, construction and building
- Science, technology, engineering and maths
- Agriculture, fisheries and forestry
- Environment, climate change and natural resource management
- Governance
- Education
- Health
- Community and social development

Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: [Australian Embassy Solomon Islands - Study in Australia](#).

Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2026 within the following allocations:

- Undergraduate level (Bachelor)
- Post graduate level (Master's by coursework or research)
- Doctor of Philosophy



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 the Solomon Islands must also meet the following conditions:

- must be residing in the Solomon Islands when applying
- may apply when the applicant has already completed form 7 (year 13) or while completing form 7 (year 13)
- *postgraduate* applicants must have 3 years work experience related to the proposed study course
- *undergraduate* applicants who have a minimum of one year work or volunteer experience related to the proposed study course will be highly considered.

Priority fields of study for Solomon Islands

| Study field | Undergraduate (<i>Bachelor level</i>) | Postgraduate (<i>Master and PhD levels</i>) |
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| Economic growth | including but not limited to: economics; finance; human resource management; international relations; logistics, operations, and supply chain management; marketing; sports management; taxation. | including but not limited to: accounting; business administration; economics; entrepreneurship; finance; human resource management; international relations; logistics, operations, and supply chain management; marketing; sports management; taxation. |
| Infrastructure, construction and building | including but not limited to: architecture; building and construction; engineering (including aeronautical, civil, electrical, maritime, mechanical, mining, sanitation, software, water); surveying; urban design and planning. | including but not limited to: architecture; building and construction; engineering (including aeronautical, civil, electrical, maritime, mechanical, mining, sanitation, software, water); surveying; urban design and planning. |
| Science, technology, engineering, and maths | including but not limited to biomedical science and biotechnology; geoscience; food science; animal health and veterinary science ¹ ; computer science and information technology; mathematics and statistics. | including but not limited to biomedical science and biotechnology; geoscience; food science; animal health and veterinary science; computer science and information technology; mathematics and statistics. |

¹ Australia Awards Scholarships for Solomon Islands commencing in 2026, include 5-year Bachelor of Veterinary Science courses

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| Agriculture, fisheries and forestry | Including but not limited to agricultural science, agricultural business, animal science, soil science, food science, botany, fisheries, forest science, biodiversity conservation, fire management and planning etc. | Including but not limited to agricultural science, agricultural business, animal science, soil science, food science, botany, fisheries, forest science, biodiversity conservation, fire management and planning etc. |
| Environment and natural resource management | including but not limited to: climate change; conservation; disaster risk reduction and adaptation; earth and environmental science; environment and resource economics; meteorology; waste management; water management. | including but not limited to: climate change; conservation; disaster risk reduction and adaptation; earth and environmental science; meteorology; waste management; water management. |
| Education | including: education studies (non-teaching), inclusive education and disability studies Note: Bachelor of Teaching is not sponsored. | including but not limited to: education management; education policy; education technology/e-learning; inclusive education; learning and leadership. |
| Health | including: epidemiology; health policy and administration; public health; mental health; and pharmacy. Note: Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery is not sponsored. | including but not limited to: nursing (clinical, emergency, intensive care, midwifery, obstetric, paediatric, remote); and medicine ² . |
| Governance | including but not limited to: communication, media, and journalism; customs; cyber security; disaster and emergency management; international development; law and legal practice; peace and security; police studies and intelligence; procurement and contract management; public policy. | including but not limited to: communication, media, and journalism; customs; cyber security; disaster and emergency management; international development; law and legal practice; peace and security; police studies and intelligence; procurement and contract management; public policy and administration. |
| Community and social development | including but not limited to: anthropology; creative industries and humanities; community and human services (child protection, social work, welfare); disability; gender and culture; gender and development; Pacific studies. | including but not limited to: anthropology; creative industries and humanities; community and human services (child protection, social work, welfare); disability; gender and culture; gender and development; Pacific studies. |

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2026:

Opening date: 1 February 2025

Closing date: 31 March 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](#).

² Australia Awards Scholarships for Solomon Islands commencing in 2026, include 4-year Doctor of Medicine and Surgery courses

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Solomon Islands:

Undergraduate

| Required document | OASIS document type | Certified |
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| Proof of Identity (preferably one with photo ID and coloured) | Valid Passport Solomon Islands Driver's Licence Birth Certificate Voter's ID | Yes |
| Certified (relevant) English academic transcripts | Other | Yes |
| Certified (relevant) English academic certificates | Other | Yes |
| Two referee reports/ letters (at least one academic) | Other | No |
| Curriculum Vitae | Needs to be in the prescribed template How to apply for an Australia Awards scholarship - Template | No |

Master's by Coursework

| Required document | OASIS document type | Certified |
|--|--|-----------|
| Proof of Identity (preferably one with photo ID) | Valid Passport Solomon Islands Driver's Licence Birth Certificate Voter's ID | Yes |
| Certified (relevant) English academic transcripts | Other | Yes |
| Certified (relevant) English academic certificates | Other | Yes |
| Two referee reports/ letters (at least one academic) | Other | No |
| Curriculum Vitae | Needs to be in the prescribed template How to apply for an Australia Awards scholarship - Template | No |

Master's of Research and PhD

| Required document | OASIS document type | Certified |
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| Proof of Identity (preferably one with photo ID) | Valid Passport Solomon Islands Driver's Licence Birth Certificate Voter's ID | Yes |
| Certified (relevant) English academic transcripts | Other | Yes |
| Certified (relevant) English academic certificates | Other | Yes |
| Two academic referee reports/ letters | Other | No |
| Research proposal (must be filled in on OASIS) | Other | No |
| Written confirmation from one potential supervisor that they will supervise your research | Other | No |
| Curriculum Vitae | Needs to be in the prescribed template How to apply for an Australia Awards scholarship - Template | No |

The selection process

| Stages | Details |
|--|---|
| Application | All documents required are submitted on time. |
| Eligibility Checking | Applicants to check if all documents are submitted. |
| Assessment and Ranking | Two International Assessment Consultants will review and assess eligible applications. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. |
| Interviews | The interview process includes an in-person interview and a written task. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• academic competence• potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development in Solomon Islands,• professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience. |
| Provisional awardees notified for IELTS | Successful candidates will be notified in late 2025. English language tests will be organised through AASI. Course Counselling. |
| Placements | AASI will organise placements at Australian Institutions. |
| Preparing to mobilise | The awardee will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs and Department of Education and the relevant State and Territory governments. Visa application. Pre-Departure Briefing. |
| Mobilisation | Visa granted. Mobilising to Australia begins. |

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- 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 [Scholarships Policy Handbook](#) and [Department of Home Affairs Visa Listing Studen-500](#).

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