



# Fiji

## Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

### Australia Awards scholarships in Fiji

Australia's international development assistance in Fiji helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance political stability.

Australia Awards 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 leadership qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Fiji.

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

### Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Fiji with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at a tertiary institution in Australia or in the Pacific region.

Awards will be offered for commencement in Intake 2023 for the following:

**Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS)** for undergraduate and postgraduate studies in specialised areas at Australian institutions.

**Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS)** for the following Fiji National University (FNU) courses:

Technical Vocational Education & Training (Diploma-level):

- Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Diploma in Marine Engineering
- Diploma in Nautical Science

Postgraduate:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery

Note: scholarships are not available for PhD studies.

### 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 or Pacific education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- return air travel (AAS only)
- a one-off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- medical insurance (AAPS) or Overseas Student Health Cover (AAS) for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support
- fieldwork allowance for research students and masters by coursework which has a compulsory fieldwork component (AAS only)

### 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 2023, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

### 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.

## [Australia Awards Scholarships \(AAS\)](#)

### Priority fields of study

Priority sectors for Intake 2023 have been identified in line with DFAT's COVID Development Response Plan: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/covid-response-plan-fiji.pdf>

**Health Security** (including but not limited to): communicable & non-communicable diseases, counselling, epidemiology, health communication, health systems strengthening, laboratory medicine, maternal, newborn and child health, sexual reproductive health, patient care and policy development.

**Stability & Economic Recovery** (including but not limited to): public policy development and implementation, public sector efficiency, economic reform, actuarial studies, sustainable development, human resource development, international trade, human resource management, gender equality, disability and social inclusion, child protection, climate change, disaster reduction, leadership, cyber security and criminology, agriculture & food security, supply chain.

The governments of Australia and Fiji regularly review these priority areas in line with capacity building and workforce needs. Further information can be found at: [www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org](http://www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org)

### AAS 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](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

While there is no age limit, a scholar's potential outputs upon return from study will be assessed during selection.

### AAS country-specific conditions

In addition to the general eligibility requirements, candidates from Fiji must also meet the following conditions:

- must be residing in Fiji at the time of application
- program of study must not be available locally
- must be a minimum of 18 years as at 1 February 2023
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond
- must be able to meet the institutional entry requirements for their proposed course
- maximum duration for a Bachelor degree is four years and Master's degree program is two years
- not hold an equivalent or higher qualification. Proposed course must be higher than current qualification

- civil servants are strongly encouraged to seek prior approval from their respective Permanent Secretaries
- in accordance with the Civil Service's Learning and Development guidelines.

### For Undergraduate-level study:

Undergraduate applicants must:

- have completed Year 12 Certificate with a minimum aggregate mark of 320 out of 400 (English and three best subjects) or equivalent and be studying Year 13. Scholarship will be dependent on applicant achieving a minimum aggregate result of 320 out of 400 in 2022, or
- have completed Year 13 Certificate with a minimum aggregate mark of 320 out of 400 (English and three best subjects) or equivalent
- mature age applicants who have completed a qualification should have 3 years' work experience in the priority sector.

### For Postgraduate level study:

Postgraduate applicants must:

- hold a first degree relevant to proposed course of study and priority sector
- have at least 3 years' work experience in the priority sector.

## AAS application process

### Online applications

Apply online through <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>.

### Supporting documents

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

AAS Application Document Checklist	
Document	Certified
Proof of citizenship (certified copy of passport or birth certificate)	Yes
Certified copy of graduation certificate (Year 12/ 13 or Tertiary)	Yes
Certified copy of official academic transcript	Yes
Certified copy of Grading System	Yes
Statement from last institution attended that English was the language of instruction.	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV) including applicants person details, academic qualifications, work experience and responsibilities (no more than 3 pages)	Not certified
Two recent referee reports (no more than 12 months old) *Masters by research must provide two academic referee reports.	Not certified

## AAPS application process

AAPS scholarships provide Fiji citizens with the opportunity to study priority programs at a tertiary institution in Fiji.

For Intake 2023, Awards will be offered for the following FNU courses:

Technical Vocational Education & Training (TVET):

- Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- Diploma in Marine Engineering
- Diploma in Nautical Science

Postgraduate:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery.

## AAPS Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at: <https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-policy-handbook-december-2015.aspx>

## AAPS country-specific requirements

In addition to meeting the general eligibility criteria, applicants must also meet the following AAPS specific eligibility requirements to be considered for an award:

For TVET:

- must have a minimum Year 12 aggregate result of 250 out of 400 or equivalent (for English and three best subjects)
- mature age applicants must have at least 5 years' relevant work experience, achieved a pass grade at Year 12/13 or have some work-related training.

For Postgraduate:

- must hold a Diploma of Nursing or Bachelor of Nursing with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- must have 3 years' experience including a minimum of 6 months obstetric nursing experience.

All AAPS applicants:

- must apply for a qualification that is progressive (i.e. higher than their current level of study)
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with any other government
- civil servants are strongly encouraged to seek approval from their respective Permanent Secretary (in accordance with the Civil Service's Learning and Development guidelines).

## AAPS application process

### Online applications

Applications for a Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery must be lodged online through the online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

## Hardcopy applications

Applications for: Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, Diploma in Marine Engineering and Diploma in Nautical Science are to be submitted in hardcopy. Application forms are available on the Australia Awards website: [www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org](http://www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org) or by emailing: [australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org](mailto:australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org)

Completed application forms should be submitted as follows:

- Email to: [australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org](mailto:australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org) OR
- Hardcopy to: Ground Floor, Sabrina Building, Corner of Gordon St and Victoria Parade, Suva, Fiji OR
- Hardcopy post to: Australia Awards Office GPO Box 17384, Suva, Fiji.

Hardcopy applications will also be accepted from marginalised groups.

## AAPS supporting documents

AAPS applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the below table, along with their application.

AAPS Application Document Checklist	
Document type	Certified
A completed Fiji National University application form	Not certified
Proof of citizenship (certified copy of passport or birth certificate)	Yes
Certified copy of graduation certificate (Year 12, Year 13 or Tertiary)	Yes
Certified copy of official academic transcript	Yes
Copy of grading system	Yes
Two recent referee reports (no more than 12 months old)	Not certified
Curriculum Vitae (CV) detailing academic qualifications, leadership and relevant work experiences (no more than three pages)	Not certified

## AAS & AAPS selection process

- All applications will be checked for eligibility and compliance. Only eligible applicants will be assessed.
- Eligible applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
  - academic competence
  - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Fiji
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview and possibly a written test
- Successful candidates will be notified by September 2022
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

## AAS & AAPS Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling (AAS)
- pre-departure training
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- university orientation week (AAPS)
- applicants may be required to take the International English Language Testing System test (IELTS) to assess their English language competence (successful applicants will be advised if this is required). This is not required as part of the application process, however applicants should consider the entry requirements of their preferred course carefully as this may be an entry requirement
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

## Further information

Information about Australia Awards–Fiji can be found at: [www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org](http://www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org)

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

Information about FNU's Programs can be found at: [www.fnu.ac.fj/study/program/](http://www.fnu.ac.fj/study/program/)

## Contact details

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Website: [www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org](http://www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org)

Australia Awards Information Centre  
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## Information Centre

Australia Awards–Fiji has an Information Centre that is equipped with education institution materials as well as computers that individuals can access.

The Centre is open: Monday to Friday from 9.00am-4:30pm.

Facilities are also available for people with disability.

Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the Information Centre or to contact staff through email or phone (details above).