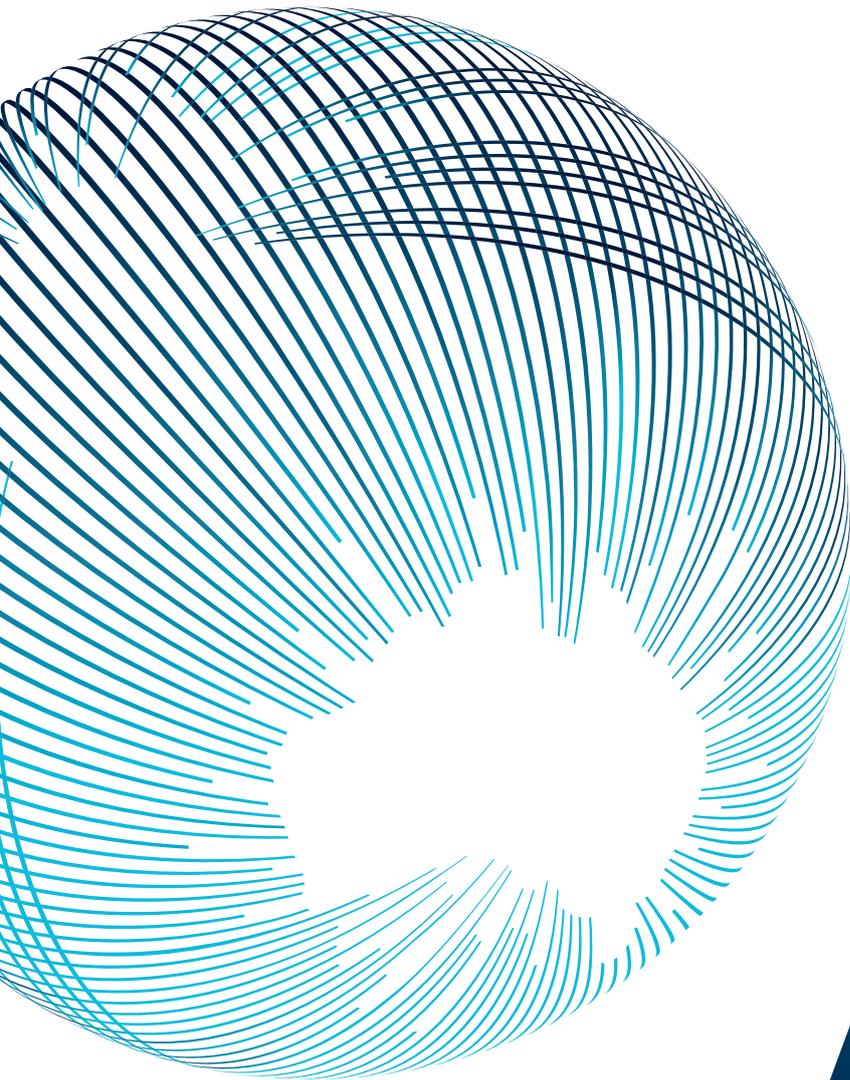




Australia Awards

Make a difference with Australia Awards Tuvalu

Intake 2023



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Do you want to be a leader in your field and join an inspiring network of change-makers?

Australia Awards are prestigious international scholarships offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development.

Australia Awards in Tuvalu is accepting scholarship applications for study at Australian and Pacific regional institutions in 2023.

Desirable Applicant Checklist

- I am a citizen of Tuvalu and I reside in Tuvalu
- I want to study a Technical and Vocational (TVET), Undergraduate, Postgraduate or PhD course
- I want to study a course related to one of the priority sectors:
 - Economic Growth and Governance
 - Education
 - Environment and Climate Change
 - Gender, Disability and Social Inclusion
 - Health
 - Infrastructure Support
- I am committed to working in Tuvalu and contributing to Tuvalu's development
- I can meet the institution entry requirements for the courses I wish to study.
- I do not hold an equivalent qualification at the same level as the course I am applying to study.
- I am not serving an existing scholarship bond.
- I am not applying for a visa to live in Australia or New Zealand, nor am I in a relationship with an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.



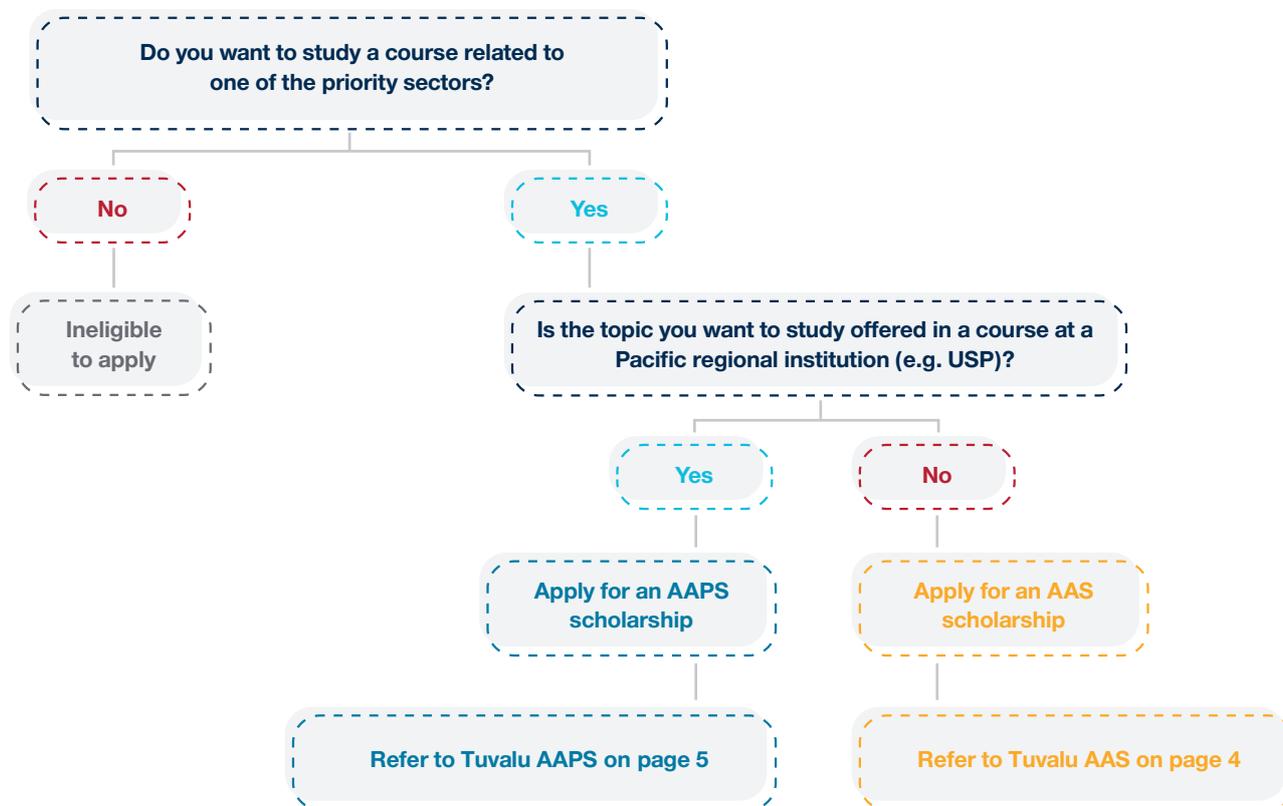
For **AAPS**:

- I am currently completing Year 13 (with a Year 12 certificate) OR I have completed Year 13, with a minimum score of 250 out of 400 (English and three best subjects) or equivalent
- OR I am a mature aged applicant who has completed Year 12/13 or a formal qualification and who has at least 3 years relevant work experience in a priority sector.

For **AAS**:

- **Undergraduate:** I am currently completing Year 13 (with a Year 12 certificate) OR have completed Year 13, with a minimum score of 300 out of 400 (English and three best subjects) or equivalent
- **Postgraduate:** must hold a first degree and have a minimum of 2 years relevant work experience
- Mature-aged applicants are eligible to apply, however must have relevant training and 5 years relevant work experience in the priority sector, or no qualification and 10 years relevant work experience in the priority sector.
- The course I want to study in Australia is NOT available at a regional institution.

Which scholarship should I apply for?



Through study and research, recipients develop the skills and knowledge to drive change and help build enduring people-to-people links.

Australia Awards provide citizens of Tuvalu with the opportunity to obtain a qualification from an Australian or Pacific regional tertiary institution.

Applicants are assessed on their **professional and personal leadership qualities, academic competence** and, most importantly, their **potential to impact on development challenges in Tuvalu**.

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

When is the application closing date?

Applications open on 1 February 2022 and close at 11.59pm (AEST) on **29 April 2022**.

Disability support

If you are a person with disability and you are experiencing challenges completing the application, please contact the Australia Awards team at australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org

What can I expect after my application is submitted?

May 2022	Applications are reviewed and assessed
June/July 2022	Shortlisted applicants are notified and invited to attend an interview Interviews are held in Funafuti or by phone
September 2021	Scholarship selections are announced

What are the scholarship entitlements?

Scholarship awardees receive the following entitlements:

- ✓ Return economy airfare
- ✓ Initial visa related expenses
- ✓ Full tuition fees
- ✓ Contribution to living expenses (also known as a stipend)
- ✓ A one-off establishment allowance
- ✓ Introductory Academic Program
- ✓ Basic medical costs for the duration of the scholarship
- ✓ Supplementary Academic Support
- ✓ Field work allowance for postgraduate courses that include a compulsory fieldwork component (AAS only).

What can I study?

Australia Awards Intake 2023 has six priority fields of study. The priority fields of study align with the priorities of the Government of Australia and Tuvalu and reflect the priorities of the Te Kete: National Strategy for Sustainable Development 2021 to 2030.

Priority fields of study

Economic Growth and Governance (including but not limited to):

- Labour Market Analysis
- Human Resources Planning and Management
- Financial Management
- International Marketing
- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation Management and Commercialisation
- Development Economics
- Project Management
- Tourism and Hospitality
- Accounting
- Banking
- Commerce
- Statistics
- Applied Finance
- Governance Studies
- Public Administration
- Business and Law
- Public Policy
- Development Studies
- Political Studies
- Law and Development
- Local Governance Studies
- Communication
- Digital Media and/or Graphic Design
- Journalism
- Security and Strategic Studies

Education (including but not limited to):

- Teaching English as a Second Language
- Teaching (early childhood, primary and secondary)
- Education (in Maths/English/Science)
- Special and Inclusive Education
- Disability Studies
- TVET Education and Training
- Education Studies
- Physical Education
- Curriculum Education
- Leadership and Management in Education

Environment and Climate Change (including but not limited to):

- Environmental Management
- Climate Change
- Environment and Public Health
- Environmental Science
- Waste Management
- Environmental Economics and Climate Change
- Environmental Law
- Marine Science
- Renewable Energy
- Land and Water Management
- Marine Coastal Management
- Global Environment and Climate Change Law
- Environment and Sustainability
- Agriculture

- Food Security
- Environmental and Business Management
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Disaster Preparedness and Reconstruction
- Environment and Occupational Health and Safety
- Environmental Risk Assessment and Remediation

Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (including but not limited to):

- Gender Studies
- Sociology
- Disability Studies
- Social Science
- Social Work
- Psychology
- Disability Management
- Community Development
- Behavioural Studies
- Family Studies
- Social Change and Development

Health (including but not limited to):

Clinical:

- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Mental Health Nursing
- Medicine
- Medical Science
- Medical Statistics
- Health Science
- Biomedical Science

- Medical Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Dentistry
- Dental Health Science
- Oral Health Therapy

Non-clinical:

- Warehouse Management
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Contract Management
- Health Information Systems
- Hospital Management
- Health Administration
- Financial Health Planning
- Training and Development
- Disaster Management
- Human Resources and Asset Management

Infrastructure support (including but not limited to):

- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Construction
- Project Management
- Architecture
- Terminal Management
- Ports and Logistics
- Maritime Surveying and Technical
- Telecommunication
- Surveying Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Information Technology
- Information Systems
- Computer Science

Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS)

What level of course can I study?

- Undergraduate (e.g. bachelor degree courses)
- Postgraduate (e.g. postgraduate diploma, master degree or PhD courses)

Where can I study

For a list of participating AAS Institutions, refer to: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-participating-institutions>

Note: proposed courses must be CRICOS registered.

Course preferences and CRICOS codes

You need to provide two course preferences in your application; a first course preference and a second (back-up) option.

We recommend using the Commonwealth Register for Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) website (<http://cricos.education.gov.au>) to search for course options.

CRICOS lists all the courses available for international students. Each course is given a unique CRICOS course code. You will need the unique CRICOS course code/s to complete your application form.

Course research tips

Start your course search at the CRICOS website:

- Go to the CRICOS website <http://cricos.education.gov.au>
- Click on 'Course Search'
- Adjust the search criteria to explore available courses (e.g. type your topic into the 'Course Name' field or search for your field of study)
- The search will provide a list of courses that meet your search criteria
- The course options will display the Institution Name, Course Name and CRICOS Course Code
- Write down the courses you are interested in

Next, we recommend you visit the relevant institution website/s and undertake thorough research on the course/s you are interested in studying. You may like to consider:

- The duration of the course
- The entry requirements stated on the university website
- The course structure and any course specialisations
- The relevance of the content of the individual subjects to your future work in Tuvalu
- The impact this course could have on expanding your knowledge and skills
- The reputation of the institution within your sector. (e.g. if you work in agriculture, consider if the university has a strong reputation in the agriculture sector)

How do I submit my application?

You should submit your application and supporting documentation online using the OASIS website <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

For further information please refer to the OASIS user guide - <https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/oasis-applicant-user-guide.aspx>

If you are unable to access internet, you may submit an offline application. Please contact the Australia Awards team for advice.



Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS)

Where can I study

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) are offered for study at regional institutions, including the following:

- Divine Word University, Madang Campus
- Fiji National University Colleges, Fiji
- Pacific Adventist University, Port Moresby Campus
- Papua New Guinea University of Technology, Lae Campus
- University of Goroka, Goroka Campus
- University of Papua New Guinea, School of Medicine Taurama Campus
- University of the South Pacific

What level of study is available?

- Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) courses (e.g. Trades, Certificate, Diploma)
- Undergraduate (e.g. Bachelor degree courses)
- Postgraduate (e.g. Postgraduate Diploma, Master or PhD courses)

How do I submit my application?

The submission process depends on the institution you choose.

Fiji National University (FNU) scholarship applications

If you are applying to study at the FNU College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (except nursing), you may apply online and submit your required documents online at <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>.

If you are applying to study at the FNU College of Engineering, Science and Technology, the FNU College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, the FNU College of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, you must submit your application offline.

All other institution applications – online applications

(Applications for University of South Pacific, Divine Word University, Pacific Adventist University, PNG University of Technology, University of Goroka, and University of PNG)

You should submit your application and supporting documentation online using the OASIS website - <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

For further information please refer to the OASIS user guide - <https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/oasis-applicant-user-guide.aspx>

Offline application instructions

You may submit your offline application in hard copy or electronic / soft copy. There are three options: by email, in person, or by post. All online and offline applications must be submitted by 29 April 2022.

Submission method Details

By email

Email your application to australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org

In person

Deliver your application to:

The Australia Awards Office Ground floor, Sabrina Building Corner of Gordon St and Victoria Suva, Fiji

OR

Australian High Commission Tuvalu Level 1, Telecom Tuvalu Building Funafuti, Tuvalu

By post

Post your application to:

The Australia Awards Office GPO BOX 17384, Suva, Fiji



Tips for Applicants

Before you apply

Before beginning your application, consider the relationship between your academic and professional goals and Tuvalu's development needs. All applicants are expected to have clear ideas about how they will contribute to development in Tuvalu on their return from scholarship.

If you are a civil servant, you are **strongly encouraged** to seek prior approval from your government department before applying for the scholarship, in accordance with Government of Tuvalu guidelines.

What information is needed to complete an application?

Applicants need to answer all sections in the online application and attach the required documentary evidence. Applicants should prepare information to answer the following sections of the online application:

- Full name, date of birth and contact details
- Spouse and children's details (if any)
- Emergency contact details
- Previous scholarship information (if any)
- Proposed study program – including the CRICOS code for 2 course preferences
- Qualifications
- English language details
- Computer literacy or training details (if any)
- Current employment details (if any)
- Previous employment (if any)
- Supporting statement (note, the responses to these questions will be assessed)
- Professional memberships (if any)
- Documentary evidence

What documentary evidence do I need for my application?

Please prepare the following documents to attach to your application:

- Certified copy of proof of citizenship (a passport or birth certificate)*
- Certified copy of your Year 12 and/or Year 13 certificate and transcript*
- Certified copy of your prior tertiary certificates and transcripts*
- Copy of your school grading system

Curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages)

Two recent referee reports (less than 12 months old)

* Certification is to be conducted by a registered legal counsel, and can be certified at the Office of the People's Lawyer located in Vaiaku Side, Funafuti Island.

Internet browser

Refer to the OASIS user guide to check in your internet browser is supported. This will ensure that all functions in OASIS work as anticipated for you.

OASIS User Guide: <https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/oasis-applicant-user-guide.aspx>

Email address

We strongly recommend using a non-work, personal email for OASIS registration (e.g. Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail).

Some workplaces have spam filters that will also block automatically generated emails from the OASIS system.

Documentary evidence file size and type

In the online application, you can attach your documentary evidence in one attachment or several separate attachments.

Each attachment file size must not exceed 2 megabytes (MB)

The following file types can be used: .doc, doc.x, .rtf, .pdf, .jpeg, gif, .tiff, .png, .bmp, .txt

Supporting statement character limits

Your supporting statement responses in your application will be scored and will form part of the assessment.

Your supporting statement responses will have a character limit. This is a character limit – not a word limit. Characters include letters, numbers, spaces and punctuation marks.

Applicants are encouraged to write clearly and concisely to convey their message within the character limit available.

Some applicants choose to write their responses in a Word document, which allows them to confirm the character count under the Review menu and Word Count function. Once ready, they then copy and paste their answer into OASIS.

Making changes to your online application before the closing date

All online applications can be edited in draft mode before they are submitted.

If you have already submitted your application and need to edit it (before the closing date), there is an option to un-submit your application. Once you click un-submit, you can edit your application. Remember to resubmit it before the closing date.

Do NOT leave your application to the last minute. There is high-usage of the website at this time and as a result the website can be slow. Late applications will NOT be accepted.

Frequently Asked Questions

How will my application be assessed?

Selection is made on merit and in competition. Complete applications will be assessed by independent shortlisting specialists using the Australia Awards criteria of academic merit, leadership skills and future potential to contribute to Tuvalu.

The strongest applicants will be shortlisted and invited to attend an interview.

Incomplete applications will not be assessed.

What is the course duration?

The duration varies depending on the course content.

The maximum duration permitted under the scholarship for Bachelor level study is 4 years.

The maximum duration permitted under the scholarship for Master level study is 2 years.

Can I delay starting the scholarship and commence studies the following year?

If you are successful in being awarded a scholarship, you must commence study in the 2023 academic year (international border restrictions pending).

Do I need an offer letter from the institution?

No, you do not need an offer letter for your scholarship application. Applicants who already have an institution offer letter are not advantaged in any way, as this does not form part of the assessment.

Australia Awards will help you enrol in the institution if you are successful in being awarded the scholarship.

AAPS applicants must include a copy of their institution application form with their scholarship application. For example, if you are applying to study at FNU, you should include a completed FNU application form with your scholarship application.

How do I certify my documents?

Proof of citizenship and academic documents must be certified copies. Certification can be undertaken by a Justice of the Peace or a registered legal counsel.

Can I apply if I have a disability?

Persons with disability who meet the scholarship eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. A person will not be disadvantaged by declaring their disability. Reasonable adjustments and accommodations will be made to remove barriers for persons with disability. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements for the scholarship and submit a compliant application.

For more information and support for persons with disability, please contact the Australia Awards office at

australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org

If I am successful in my scholarship application and I become pregnant, will I lose the scholarship opportunity?

Pregnant applicants are encouraged to share their pregnancy information with the Australia Awards at their earliest opportunity, so planning can be undertaken about the best time to travel for interview and study, as required. All applicants will be assessed equally. Pregnant applicants will not be disadvantaged.

More Information

Australia Awards office

Website: www.australiaawardsfijiandtuvalu.org

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Ground Floor, Sabrina Building
Corner of Gordon St & Victoria Parade,
Suva, Fiji

Australian High Commission Tuvalu

Phone: +688 20043

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Funafuti, Tuvalu

References

Australia Awards program information

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards>

Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook>

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-aaps>

OASIS Applications

<https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

OASIS User Guide

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