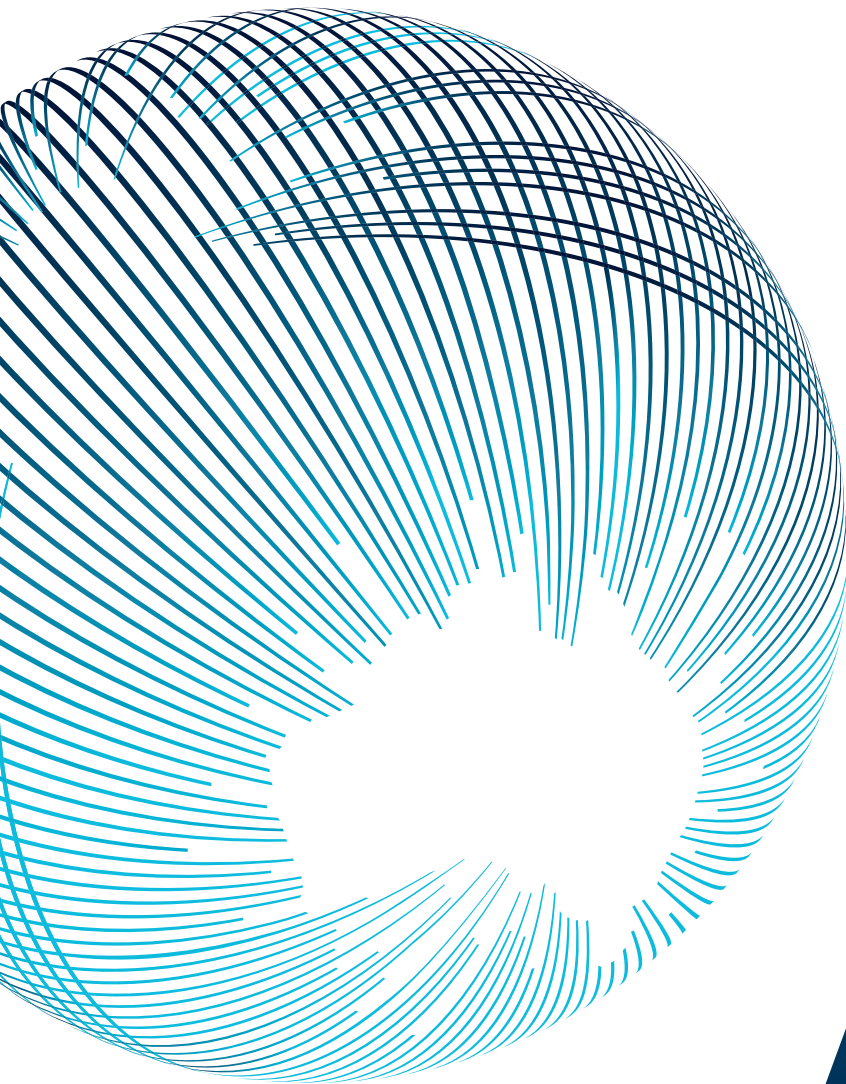




Australia Awards

Make a difference with an Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship in Fiji Intake 2024



Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships

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

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

Australia Awards in Fiji is accepting scholarship applications for study at the Fiji National University (FNU) in 2024.

Am I a desirable applicant?

- I am a citizen of Fiji and I reside in Fiji
- I am committed to working in Fiji and contributing to my chosen profession / sector
- 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
- I am not serving an existing scholarship bond
- I am applying for a qualification that is higher than what I currently hold

For TVET:

- I want to study a Diploma in Quantity Surveying, Land Surveying or Construction
- I have a Year 12 aggregate score of 250 out of 400 or equivalent (for English and three best subjects)

OR

- I have at least 5 years relevant work experience, plus have achieved a pass grade in Year 12/13 OR have some relevant work-related training

For Postgraduate:

- I want to study the Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Nursing Practice, Mental Health Nursing, Midwifery or Public Health at Fiji National University
- I hold a Diploma or Bachelor in Nursing with a minimum GPA of 3.0
- I have 3 years nursing or relevant experience as outlined on FNU website.
- I meet the FNU enrollment requirements for my proposed course.



Important Information

Applications close 11.59pm AEST on 1 May 2023

Men and women are equally encouraged to apply.

Disability support

If you are a person with a disability and you have questions, or would like support with your application, please contact Australia Awards at australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org

Application process

What documents do I need for my application?

Please prepare the following documents:

- Certified copy of your passport
- Certified copy of your birth certificate
- Certified copy of your highest qualification (year 12, 13 or tertiary degree) certificate*
- Certified copy of your official academic transcript*
- Copy of your grading system
- Curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages)
- Two recent referee reports (less than 12 months old)

*Certification is to be conducted by the Issuing Institution, a Justice of the Peace or a registered legal counsel.

How do I apply?

All Applications

All applications must be lodged online through the Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

Do not leave lodging your application to the last minute. There will be high online traffic and the system may be slow. This is outside of Australia Awards control, and late applications will not be accepted.

Please contact Australia Awards if you need support or if you have any questions about submitting your application: australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org

What are the scholarship entitlements?

Scholarship awardees receive the following entitlements:

- ✓ Full tuition fees
- ✓ Contribution to living expenses (also known as a stipend)
- ✓ A one-off establishment allowance
- ✓ Institution Orientation Program
- ✓ Basic medical costs
- ✓ Supplementary Academic Support

What is the course duration?

The duration of the available courses vary, please refer to the Fiji National University website for further information.

What can I expect after my application is submitted?

May 2023	Applications are reviewed and assessed.
June 2023	Shortlisted applicants are notified and invited to attend an interview.
July / August 2023	Shortlisted applicant interviews are held in Suva.
September 2023	Scholarship selections are announced.

Tips for applicants

Before you apply

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

If you are a civil servant, you are **strongly** encouraged to seek prior approval from your respective Permanent Secretary before applying for the scholarship, in accordance with the Civil Service's Learning and Development guidelines.

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 global criteria of **academic merit, leadership skills, and future potential to contribute to Fiji**.

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

Incomplete applications will not be assessed.

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 2024 academic year.

Can I apply if I have a disability?

Yes! People with disabilities 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.

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

Pregnant applicants are encouraged to share this information with the Australia Awards office at their earliest opportunity, so planning can be undertaken about the best time to commence studies. Awardees will be assessed equally. Pregnant applicants will not be disadvantaged.

How do I certify my documents?

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

Can I apply to study in Australia instead of Fiji?

This scholarship is called Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) and supports recipients to study in the Pacific, including Fiji.

There is a similar scholarship program called Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS), which supports recipients to study in Australia. Please refer to the Australia Awards Scholarships materials for more information.

For more information:

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References

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