



Australia Awards



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with an
**Australia Awards
Pacific Scholarship**





Australia's international development assistance in Tuvalu 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 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.

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Tuvalu with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution in Australia or regionally in the Pacific.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2020 for the following:

- **Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS)**
For Bachelor and Masters level of study in Australia.
- **Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS)**
For undergraduate and postgraduate level of study at a tertiary institution in the Pacific.

If you would like to study at a tertiary institution in the Pacific, you would need to apply for an AAPS. This booklet is for you. Please read through the instructions that follow carefully.

What if I would like to study in Australia? If you are looking for opportunities to study in Australia, you must apply for the AAS. Refer to the AAS Booklet for information.

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

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

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS)

AAPS scholarships are awarded under two categories in Tuvalu, either OPEN or PUBLIC.

'Public' awards focus on building capacity in priority public service sectors within Tuvalu's Government Ministries; and the 'Open' awards category caters for the general population in Tuvalu. 'Public' awards are shortlisted by the Government of Tuvalu (GOT) and the 'Open' category is shortlisted by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

AAPS provide citizens of Tuvalu opportunities to study available programs at a tertiary institution in the Pacific.

What can I study?

AAPS awards will be offered for full-time Undergraduate, Technical and Vocational (TVET), and Post Graduate studies (not PhDs) only at the following institutions: University of the South Pacific (USP), the Fiji National University (FNU) Colleges, PNG University of Technology (UNITECH) - Lae Campus, Pacific Adventist University (PAU) - Port Moresby, Divine Word University (DWU) - Madang PNG, University of Goroka (UG) - Goroka PNG, University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) School of Medicine Taurama Campus - Port Moresby.

When can I apply?

Applications open 1 February 2019 and close on 30 April 2019.

Who can apply?

Opportunities for all. AAPS are offered on the basis of merit, transparency and equal access.

We strongly encourage eligible women, men and people

with disabilities to apply. At least 50% of Australia Awards are offered to women.

Priority fields of study for AAPS

To be eligible for an Award, you must ensure you apply for a program in the priority areas of study for Tuvalu, outlined below:

Environment and Climate Change

Includes but is 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, Science, Environmental and Business Management, Disaster Risk Reduction, Disaster Preparedness and Reconstruction, Environment and Occupational Health and Safety, Environmental Science, Environmental Management and Sustainability, Environmental Risk Assessment and Remediation.

Economic Growth and Governance

Includes but is not limited to: Environmental and Resource Economics, Labour Market analysis, Human Resources Planning and Management, Management and Business Administration, Financial Management, International Marketing, 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, and Law. Local Governance Studies and Development.

Education

Includes but is not limited to: Special and Inclusive Education, Disability Studies, TVET Education, Early Childhood Education, Teaching English as a Second Language, Physical Education, Curriculum Education, Educational Studies, Leadership and Management in Education, and Teaching (early childhood, primary and secondary).

Gender and Social Inclusion

Includes but is not limited to: Gender Studies, Sociology, Disability Studies, Social Science, Social Work, Psychology, Disability Management, Community Development, Behavioural Studies, Family Studies, and Social Change and Development.

Infrastructure Support

Includes but is not limited to: Maritime Surveying and Technical, Ports and Logistics, Terminal Management, Construction, Civil Engineering, Project Management, Architecture, Surveying Engineering, Telecommunication Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Information Technology, Software Engineering, Information Systems, Computer Science and Journalism.

Health

Includes but not limited to: Nursing, Biomedical Science, Exercise and Sport Science, Food Science and Human Nutrition, Health Science, Medical Science, Midwifery, Medical Statistics, Mental Health Nursing, Medicine, Nutrition and Dietetics, Oral Health, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, and Workplace Health and Safety.
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.

The governments of Australia and Tuvalu regularly review the above collaboratively and adjust priority fields accordingly.

Before you apply

Consider personal goals and development needs. Read the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at: <https://bit.ly/2FSXF7v>

How do I know if I can apply for an Australia Award Pacific Scholarship?

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS) applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: <https://bit.ly/2FSXF7v>

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

- must have a Tuvalu Year 12 Certificate Examination minimum aggregate mark of 250 out of 400 or its equivalent (English and 3 best subjects);
- program of study aligns to the priority area;
- mature age applicants must have at least 3 years' relevant work experience and achieved a pass grade either at the Year 12 or Year 13 level or equivalent through some form of continuing education or work-related training;
- must not hold an equivalent TVET, tertiary diploma, undergraduate or postgraduate qualification; and
- must not be serving an existing scholarship bond with any other government

Use the Eligibility Checklist on page 05 to guide you.

For People with Disabilities (PWDs)

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups. If you are awarded a Scholarship, the Australia Government and your university will work with you to reduce barriers to enable you to live and study for the duration of your scholarship. Support with completing your application may be provided through Facility offices in Suva, Lautoka and Labasa with computers and staff available for assistance.

What kind of support will you receive?

The Australia Awards team in Fiji along with DFAT Suva Post will undertake an assessment of your academic and pastoral care needs and will discuss this with your chosen institution.

Depending on your disability, assistance may include: additional academic preparation, communication software, support during lectures, tutoring support and regular support from your institution.

What course can you study and at which university?

The programs of study available for AAPS applicants are outlined on Page 01, and can be undertaken at USP, FNU, PNG UNITECH, PAU, DWU, UG and UPNG.

What do you need to do?

To be assessed for appropriate support, applicants with a disability are requested to disclose your disability in your application form and provide details of your disability when contacted by the Australia Awards team. As an applicant with a disability you will be requested to provide a medical report outlining your disability.

The information will be used to assess the likely support required and will not be considered negatively in the selection process. This private information is handled according to Australia's strict privacy laws and will be disclosed only on a need-to-know basis to facilitate an accessible barrier-free environment for the awardee.

What will my Scholarship cover?

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the regional education institution, including any preparatory training. Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

- a one-off establishment allowance
- full tuition fees
- contribution to living expenses
- Introductory Academic Program
- basic medical costs for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support
- People with Disability are entitled to Carer Support Package.

How do I apply?

Applications for AAPS must be submitted as follows:

If you are applying to study at The University of the South Pacific (USP), The Fiji National University's (FNU) College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (excluding Nursing), or PNG based Institutions you may apply online using the Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/> and must also include a completed scanned hard copy of the institution application form.

If you are applying to study at the following FNU colleges:

- College of Engineering, Science and Technology;
- College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences; and
- College of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

You must submit a hardcopy application along with a completed FNU application form.

Hardcopy application forms will be available from 1 February 2019 from: <https://bit.ly/2S5WPX0>

Hard copy application forms can be submitted to:

**Human Resource Management Unit
Government of Tuvalu
Funafuti
TUVALU**

If you are travelling to Fiji, you may lodge your application at: The Fiji Program Support Facility office in Suva. (Refer to address and contacts at the end of this document); or

You may also drop your application at
The Tuvalu High Commission in Suva:

16 Gorrie Street, Suva, Fiji
T: +(679) 3301 355/ +(679) 3300 697
Postal: P. O. Box 14449, Suva Fiji

Please indicate on your envelope and application if you are applying for an **OPEN** or **PUBLIC** award.

What documents do I need to submit with my application?

Applicants must submit all relevant supporting documents listed below and outlined in the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook.

AAPS application document checklist:

Document Type	*Certified
One completed Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship application form with a recent photograph	No - original only
One completed Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship <u>institution</u> (USP or FNU) application form	No - original only
Copy of passport or birth certificate	Yes
Copy of certificate of completed tertiary study and official academic transcripts	Yes
Copy of Grading System	Yes
Curriculum Vitae of applicant detailing personal details, academic qualifications and work-related experience (no more than three pages)	No - original only
A copy of the Tuvalu Year 12 Certificate Examination official results notice	Yes
A copy of the Tuvalu Year 13 Certificate Examination official results notice, if applicable	Yes

Statement from last institution attended that English was the language of instruction	No - original only
2 recent referee reports (less than 6 months old).	No - original only

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

What happens when I return to Tuvalu?

The Australian Government is committed to supporting a global network of alumni who have studied in Australia, to build on their experiences and remain connected to Australia.

On return to Tuvalu you will join a network of Australia Awards alumni. You will have the opportunity to share the experience and skills you developed while studying under an Australian Government scholarship.

You will learn from other alumni, who will share their experiences in reintegrating into the work environment after several years' absence and better understand the challenges and opportunities involved with returning from extended study.

The Australia Global Alumni Engagement Strategy outlines the Australian Government's commitment to promoting connections with and among alumni, and optimizing opportunities for professional development, shared research and strengthened business connections.

Eligibility Checklist

Potential applicants for an Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships for the 2020 intake are encouraged to use this checklist to check whether they may satisfy the eligibility criteria for an Award before they commence an application. This checklist is not exhaustive and **must** be read in conjunction with the Country Profile for Tuvalu for the 2020 intake and the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook.

Please note that Australia Awards will **only** be awarded to persons who apply for an Award in the prescribed manner and are selected through the formal selection process. Applications will not be accepted after 30 April 2019.

Personal Details		
Q1	Will you be over 18 years of age on 1 January 2020?	Yes – please continue to Q2 No – you are ineligible
Q2	Are you a citizen of Tuvalu?	Yes – please continue to Q3 No – you are ineligible
Q3	Are you married, engaged to, or a de facto of a person who holds, or is eligible to hold, Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q4
Q4	Are you a citizen of Australia or New Zealand, hold permanent residency in Australia or New Zealand or are you applying for a visa to live in Australia or New Zealand?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q5
Q5	Are you currently serving an existing scholarship bond with Tuvalu or any other government?	Yes – you may be ineligible, please contact Australia Awards Tuvalu No – please continue to Q6
Q6	Do you currently hold an equivalent TVET, Undergraduate or Postgraduate qualification?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q7
Q7	Are you a current serving military personnel?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q8
Previous Scholarships & Qualifications		
Q8	Have you received a long-term Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship previously?	Yes – please continue to Q9 No – please continue to Q10
Q9	Are you transferring from a Tuvalu government or any other scholarship?	Yes – you are ineligible No – please continue to Q10
Q10	Do you satisfy all admission requirements of the institution you are applying to study at?	Yes – please continue to Q11 No – you may be ineligible, contact Australia Awards Tuvalu
Q11	Do you satisfy one of the following criteria? 1. Do you have a Year 12 Certificate Examination minimum aggregate mark of 250 out of 400 or its equivalent (English and three best subjects)? 2. Do you meet one of the specific Eligibility Requirements listed on page 02?	Yes – please continue to Q12 No – you may be ineligible, please contact Australia Awards Tuvalu
Proposed Study Program		
Q12	Is your proposed study program in a priority area and in one of the levels of study below? • TVET Qualification • Undergraduate up to Bachelor level • Postgraduate up to Masters level	Yes – please continue to Q13 No – you may be ineligible, please contact Australia Awards Tuvalu
Supporting Documentation		
Q13	Can you submit all the supporting documents required* along with your application?	Yes – you may be eligible No – you are ineligible unless you can satisfy this criterion by 30 April 2019

*List of required documents can be found above and in the Tuvalu Country Profile for the 2020 intake.

For more information, contact the Australia Awards team at the Fiji Program Support Facility:

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Old Treasure Island House Marine Drive
T: +(679) 6662800

Labasa

Lot 11 Nanuku Street
T: +(679) 8811800

Email: australiaawards@ausfijifacility.org

OR:

The Tuvalu High Commission: 16 Gorrie Street, Suva, Fiji
T: +(679) 3301355/3300697 Postal: P.O. Box 14449, Suva, Fiji

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