



Vanuatu

Applying for an Australia Award

Australia Awards scholarships in Vanuatu

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 qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development outcomes in Vanuatu.

Applications are encouraged from women and men, including people with a disability.

Priority fields of study

Applications for study should align with priorities identified in Australia's [Vanuatu COVID-19 Development Response Plan](#), [Vanuatu's National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 – 2030](#), and the [Vanuatu Recovery Strategy 2020 – 2023 TC Harold and COVID-19](#) and seek to address skills gaps identified in Vanuatu's National Human Resource Development Plan.

Priority fields of study include:

- agriculture, fisheries, forestry, biosecurity
- communications and journalism
- community services (including disability studies and community development)
- economics, commerce, business studies, business administration and accounting
- engineering and information technology
- environment and climate change
- foreign policy and national security
- health and education
- monitoring and evaluation
- policing and justice

- public administration, management, human resources, planning and project management
- humanitarian and disaster response

The governments of Australia and Vanuatu regularly review these areas and adjust the emphasis of the program.

Level of study

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2022 for:

- Undergraduate study (Diploma, Bachelor), and
- Postgraduate study (Graduate Diploma or Masters).

Where can you study?

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Vanuatu with the opportunity to obtain a tertiary qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships are for study at the University of the South Pacific or Fiji National University.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet all eligibility criteria detailed in the [Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook](#) or the [Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook](#). This includes that the applicant must reside in Vanuatu at the time of application.

Applicants must inform the Australian High Commission of any connection or relationship to staff employed at the Australian High Commission, Port Vila, or with any Australian funded program staff so the application can be managed appropriately to avoid a conflict of interest.

Country-specific conditions

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

- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Grades of 1 (Distinction) or 2 (Merit) for the top four subjects, including English, for the highest year of school passed



Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded. This, however, also depends on travel restrictions due to Covid-19.

Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards Scholarships are offered for the minimum period necessary to complete the academic program specified by the education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarships will generally include the following:

- introductory academic program
- full tuition fees
- return air travel
- a one off establishment allowance on arrival
- a contribution to living expenses
- overseas student health cover for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support
- fieldwork allowance (for research students and masters by course work that has a compulsory fieldwork component).

Application dates for study commencing in 2022

Opening date: **1 February 2021**

Closing date: **31 March 2021**

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Application process

Online applications

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

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Australia Awards Vanuatu office to discuss alternatives.

Supporting documents

Applicants must upload all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook* and required in OASIS. These include proof of identity, academic transcripts, CVs and referee reports for postgraduate courses. All documents must be translated to English. Failure to do so could render your application ineligible for assessment. Only shortlisted applicants will be required to have their documents certified.

Selection process

Applicants will be assessed and shortlisted against the following criteria:

- academic competence;
- professional and personal leadership attributes and relevant employment history (except for school leavers); and
- potential to contribute to development outcomes in Vanuatu, including by addressing a critical skills gap.

The selection process will favourably weigh applications which address skills gaps identified in Vanuatu's National Human Resource Development Plan and which align to the Vanuatu government priorities. Weight will also be given to applications with a 'multiplier effect' such as those who will impart their knowledge and skills to others.

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed. Selected applicants intending to study in Australia will be required to undertake an English Language Proficiency Test to assess English language competence. The selection outcomes will be finalised by midyear 2021.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- English testing preparation
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

More information about Australia Awards Vanuatu and studying in Australia can be found at:

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

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