



Vanuatu

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards 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 as well as build enduring people-to-people links between Vanuatu, Australia and the region.

Applicants are assessed on their leadership qualities, academic competence and their potential to contribute to development outcomes in Vanuatu.

Applications are encouraged from women, men and people with a disability. Information on disability inclusive support is available in the Australia Awards Policy Handbooks.

Priority fields of study

Applications for study should align with priorities identified in Vanuatu's [National Sustainable Development Plan](#) and [Recovery Strategy \(TC Harold and COVID-19\)](#) as well as Australia's [Vanuatu COVID-19 Development Response Plan](#) and address skills gaps identified in Vanuatu's [National Human Resource Development Plan](#) (NHRDP).

Priority fields of study include:

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

Level of study

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2023 for:

- Bachelor degrees,
- Master degrees, and
- Diplomas (Technical and Vocational Education Training) in fields that meet needs outlined in the NHRDP.

Where can you study?

Australia Awards Scholarships support Vanuatu citizens to obtain tertiary qualifications at Australian tertiary institutions.

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](#).

Eligibility criteria includes that the applicant must be a Vanuatu citizen and reside in Vanuatu.

Applicants must inform the Australian High Commission of any connection to staff employed by the Australian High Commission Port Vila, or any Australian-funded program.

Country-specific eligibility criteria

Applicants from Vanuatu must also have:

Bachelor level

- Senior Secondary (Anglophone): Form 7 grades of A+, A or B for the top four subjects, including English, or (if still to complete Form 7) Form 6 grades of 1 or 2 for the top four subjects, including English.
- Senior Secondary (Francophone): Grades of 12+ (out of 20) for all subjects in most recent year of study.

Master level

- Minimum GPA of 3.0 across university transcript or equivalent (e.g. 12 out of 20, Francophone). A lower GPA may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Diploma level

- All institution course pre-requisites including strong English language skills

Australia Awards benefits

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

Scholarships will generally include the following:

- introductory academic program
- full tuition fees
- return air travel
- a one-off establishment allowance payable on arrival
- a fortnightly contribution to living expenses
- overseas student health cover
- supplementary academic support
- fieldwork allowance (for research and masters students which have a compulsory fieldwork component).

Application dates (2023 intake)

Opening date: 1 February 2022

Closing date: 31 March 2022

Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Application process

Apply online using Internet Explorer, via the OASIS link at www.australiaawardsvanuatu.org.

If you do not have internet access, contact Australia Awards Vanuatu to discuss an alternative submission format.

Applicants must upload **all** relevant supporting documents required by the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbooks and OASIS. These include (i) proof of citizenship, (ii) academic transcripts and other relevant evidence of courses completed (iii) Curriculum Vitae; and (iv) referee reports.

All documents must be translated to English. Failure to do so could render your application ineligible. Only shortlisted applicants must have their documents certified.

Selection criteria and process

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be assessed against the following **key selection criteria**:

- professional and personal leadership qualities;
- academic or technical competence; and
- potential to contribute to development outcomes in Vanuatu.

Applicants should ensure they provide clear and complete information to address these criteria as they complete the online application.

During the selection process, extra weight will be given to applicants who explain how they will address a critical skills gaps in Vanuatu and/or how they will pass on the knowledge and skills acquired through the scholarship to others.

Shortlisted candidates will proceed to an interview and testing process, during which they will again be assessed against these selection criteria.

Selection outcomes will be finalised by October 2022.

Successful applicants

Successful applicants will then complete:

- English language test preparation (in Vanuatu);
- English language competence test (in Vanuatu, to enable institution placement in Australia)
- pre-departure briefing (in Vanuatu);
- introductory academic program (at chosen university); and
- other required preparatory study on arrival in-country.

Selected awardees will liaise with the Australia Awards Vanuatu office to:

- finalise their university placement;
- obtain a Vanuatu passport (awardee's responsibility);
- obtain a student visa; and
- ensure COVID-19 vaccinations are compliant with host-country requirements.

Further information

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

www.australiaawardsvanuatu.org
www.studyinaustralia.gov.au
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