



Vanuatu

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Vanuatu

Australia's international development assistance in Vanuatu 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 between Vanuatu, Australia and the region.

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

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

Priority fields of study

Applications are invited in areas of study that align with the Vanuatu National Sustainable Development Plan and the skills gaps identified in Vanuatu's National Human Resource Development Plan (NHRDP). Particular priority areas for applications include the below:

Bachelor and Postgraduate

- health
- climate change
- education including the teaching of STEM - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- veterinary and animal sciences

Technical and Vocational Education (TVET)

- training and assessment
- construction
- health
- mechanics
- information technology
- hospitality management

Level of study

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

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2024:

- Bachelor degrees,
- Masters degrees, and
- Certificate IV, Diploma and above

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.

Australia Awards benefits

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

Scholarship recipients will receive the following:

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

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*, available at: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

Country-specific conditions

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

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.

Masters 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.

Certificate VI and above at TVET level

All institution course pre-requisites including strong English language skills

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2024:

Opening date: 1 February 2023

Closing date: 31 March 2023 (11:59 PM AEST)

Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through OASIS link at www.australiaawardsvanuatu.org

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

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*. **and OASIS.**

These will include (i) proof of citizenship, (ii) academic transcripts (iii) Curriculum Vitae; and (iv) referee reports.

All documents must be translated to English. Failure to do so could render your application **ineligible**.

Note: Only shortlisted applicants must have their documents certified.

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted
- The selection process includes an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - academic competence
 - potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Vanuatu
 - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in October 2023.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

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

Further information

Information about the Australia Awards - Vanuatu can be found at www.australiaawardsvanuatu.org

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- studyinaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

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