



Australia Awards

Vanuatu

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Vanuatu

Australia's development assistance to Vanuatu helps achieve peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Australia Awards scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders. 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 and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, 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 Skills Development plan and the skills gaps identified in Vanuatu's National Human Resources Development Plan (NHRDP). Particularly priority areas for applications include the below:

Bachelor and Postgraduate

- health (including nurses)
- climate change (including renewable energy)
- education in the teaching of STEM – science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- veterinary
- law and legal studies
- information technology (cyber security and safety)
- aviation management

Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

- training and assessment
- trade skills including construction, mechanics, plumbing, electrical and industrial maintenance automation
- climate change (renewable energy, resilience and disaster risk reduction)
- health (including nurses)
- hospitality management
- information technology (cabling, maintenance, networking and optical fibre)
- inclusive education
- civil and architectural engineering
- agricultural management and value-addition
- aviation management

- project management
- management of training institutions

TVET courses are only available via the University of the South Pacific (USP) including Pacific TAFE, Fiji National University (FNU), and selected TAFE institutions in Australia.

Level of study

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2025:

- University studies includes Bachelor degrees, and Masters degrees.
- TVET studies include Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma.

Where can you study?

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

And the *Australia Awards Pacific Scholars Handbook*, available at: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-policy-handbook>

Country-specific conditions

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

Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma (TVET)

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

Bachelor level

- Government Secondary students (Anglophone and Francophone): Year 13 grades of A+, A or B for the top four subjects, including English, or (if still to complete Form 7) Year 12 grades of 1 or 2 for the top four subjects, including English.
- Non-Government Year 12 Secondary students (Francophone): Grades of 12+ (out of 20) for all subjects, including English 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.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia and Fiji in 2025:

Opening date: 1 February 2024

Closing date: 30 April 2024 (11:59PM 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 at <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/> or via 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 the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook and OASIS*.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Vanuatu:

Required document
Proof of citizenship
Academic transcripts
Curriculum Vitae
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 late 2024.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the federal Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia and Fiji.

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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