



Australia Awards

# 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 in developing countries. 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 challenges in eligible countries.

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

### Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study eligible for Vanuatu are:

- health
- climate change and renewable energy
- inclusive education and in the teaching of STEM – science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
- animal science
- finance/commerce, public policy and public administration
- information technology and media communications
- aviation management and aircraft engineering
- Management (including of VET) and trade skills
- civil and architectural engineering
- Agriculture

The governments of Australia and Vanuatu regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at:

<https://australiaawardsvanuatu.org/scholarships/what-can-i-study/>

### Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Vanuatu with the opportunity to obtain a qualification (Certificate IV to Masters degree) at an Australian or Pacific tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2026 within the following allocations:

- 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](https://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/australiaawards-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 in 2026:

Opening date: 1 February 2025

Closing date: 30 April 2025 (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.

### Supporting documents

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

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 2025.
- 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 or Fiji.

### Further information

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](https://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships)
- [studyinaustralia.gov.au](https://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](https://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

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