



Nauru

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards Scholarships in Nauru

Australia's international development assistance in Nauru 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 with Australia.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Nauru.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Nauru are:

- Leadership, Governance and Finance (including private sector and SOE development)
- Health
- Education
- Information and Communications Technology
- Infrastructure development and management
- Fisheries Management
- Engineering

In honour of Nauru's first President, two "Hammer DeRoburt" scholarships will be offered to students of sufficiently high merit, studying across the range of priority areas

The governments of Australia and Nauru regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Applicants should contact the Australian High Commission in Nauru office for further information on the 2020 intake priority areas.

Level of study

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

Awards will be available for commencement in 2020 within the following allocations:

- Certificate IV
- Diploma
- Bachelor Degree
- Masters (by research or by coursework)
- Doctorate

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 generally receive the following:

- return air travel
- a one off establishment allowance on arrival
- full tuition fees
- a contribution to living expenses
- an Introductory Academic Program
- Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of the Scholarship (for Australia Awards Scholarships only)
- access to supplementary academic support
- a fieldwork allowance (for compulsory fieldwork only).

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 Nauru must also meet the following conditions:

For Diploma level study, awardees

- must have completed QCE (including TVET subjects) or any other Australian State Year 12 qualification or successfully completed Fiji Year 12 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate of 200 out of 400 or its equivalent (including English plus best three subjects) or have completed Cert 3 and Cert 4 Certificates in relevant areas;
- must not hold an equivalent TVET qualification

For Bachelors level study, scholarship awardees

- must have successfully completed QCE or any other Australian State Year 12 qualification or successfully completed Fiji Year 13 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate of 200 out of 400 or its equivalent (including English plus best three subjects)
- must not hold an equivalent qualification (e.g. degree) or higher qualification (e.g. post graduate of Master's) at time of application or commencement of award

For Masters level study, scholarship awardees must

- must have already obtained a first degree related to the proposed area of study and at least two years of relevant work experience
- must not hold a Masters degree either at the time of application or commencement of award

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, candidates from Nauru must also meet the following country specific requirements:

- IELTS test results with a minimum level of entry for the chosen course (e.g. 6.5 for Australian universities)
- must not be under any bond arrangements at the time of commencement of an award
- must have accrued a minimum of 12 months residence in Nauru before accepting scholarship.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2020

Opening date: 1 February 2019

Closing date: 30 April 2019 (11.59pm AEST)

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

The application process

Online applications

Applications may be lodged at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook* as well as these specific requirements for Nauru:

Document type	*Certified
Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate /passport if available and photographic identification i.e. student card/drivers licence if passport is not available.	Yes
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level)	Yes
Academic transcripts (where they are not in English please provide an English translation) and if required a letter from institution of study or high school that English was the medium of instruction	Yes
IELTS, TOEFL or PTE ¹ Academic results (Australia Award Scholarship applicants only)	Yes
Academic Referee Reports (with seal: two reports for Masters by Research applicants; one for Masters by Coursework applicants)	No
Employment Referee report with seal (same template as above)	No
Curriculum Vitae	No

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 Nauru
 - professional and personal leadership attributes
 - relevant work experience and employer support.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 30 October 2019

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.

¹ Refer to page 18 of the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook February 2015

For Australia Awards Scholarships you will be required to complete the following testing:

IELTS - International English Language Testing System to assess English language competence.

Further information

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

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