



# Papua New Guinea

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

### Australia Awards Scholarships in Papua New Guinea

Australia's international development assistance in Papua New Guinea 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 Papua New Guinea.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and those living in rural or remote areas.

### Priority fields of study

The governments of Australia and Papua New Guinea have agreed on the priority areas of study as follows:

- Agriculture
- Education
- Health
- Governance
- Law and Justice
- Transport and Infrastructure
- Gender equality, disability and social inclusion

Detailed information on priority areas of study can be found at: [www.australiaawardspng.org](http://www.australiaawardspng.org)

### Level of study

Australia Awards Scholarships provide citizens of Papua New Guinea with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

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

- **Masters by Coursework** (approx. 90% awards) – the majority of awards will be offered at the Master-level qualification to extend technical expertise across the priority sectors.
- **Undergraduate** (approx. 5% awards) - a limited number of undergraduate awards will be offered for study course topics not offered in Papua New Guinea, which will contribute to a priority sector and/or for people living with a disability.
- **PhD and Masters by Research** (approx. 5% awards) - a limited number of research awards will be offered to strengthen the capacity of Papua New Guinean teaching and research institutions.

### 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 with 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)

## Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Papua New Guinea must also meet the following conditions:

- be applying for a course that demonstrates contribution to a priority sector listed above
- have a minimum of two year's work experience in their professional field

## Public Category applicants

In addition to the basic eligibility requirements, Public Servant candidates must also meet the Government of Papua New Guinea requirements, including:

- permanent employment in a public sector agency for two years; and
- nomination from your employment agency and endorsement from the Department of Personnel Management

Public Category applicants should familiarise themselves with General Order, No. 6 available from the Department of Personnel Management's website:

<https://www.dpm.gov.pg/>

## 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

All applications must be lodged online through the OASIS website - <http://oasis.titan.satin.io/>

### Supporting documents

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

Certification for Papua New Guinea applications require a **Commissioner of Oath** certification (signed, dated and stamped).

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Papua New Guinea, as outlined in the following table.

Required document	Certified
Reintegration Plan	No
Proof of citizenship - Copy of National Identity Card and Birth Certificate; or valid Passport.	Yes
Academic qualifications – Higher Education certificates (i.e. Bachelors, Masters qualifications). Vocational Education and Training certificates (i.e. Certificate IV, Diploma).	Yes
Complete academic transcripts (in English). High School Certificate/s (if applying for undergraduate).	Yes
If previously undertaken, English language proficiency i.e. results from IELTS - International English Language Testing System; TOEFL - Test of English as a Foreign Language; or PTE – Pearson Test of English	Yes
Academic Referee Reports (with seal: two reports for Masters by Research applicants; one for Masters by Coursework applicants).	No
Employment Referee report with company seal.	No
Curriculum Vitae	No

Please refer to [www.australiaawardspng.org](http://www.australiaawardspng.org) for available document templates.

PhD and Masters by Research applications will be required to attach additional support documents.

Please refer to the application checklist for further information on required supporting documents.

## 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 Papua New Guinea
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 30 September 2019.

## Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure training (at least 3 weeks in approximately October/November 2019)
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

## Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Papua New Guinea can be found at [www.australiaawardspng.org](http://www.australiaawardspng.org).

More 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-scholarships.aspx>
- [studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://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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