Australia Awards Scholarships in Solomon Islands

Australia’s international development assistance in Solomon Islands 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 Solomon Islands.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Solomon Islands are:

- Health postgraduate only (including: Mental Health; Epidemiology; Remote Medicine; Obstetrics; Midwifery; Paediatric Medicine/Nursing; Emergency Medicine/Nursing; Intensive Care Nursing; Public Health; and Health Policy and/or Administration)
- Education postgraduate only
- Pharmacy
- Gender equality and development
- Economics, business (including procurement and entrepreneurship) and accounting
- Counselling and social work (including child protection)
- Legal services
- Engineering (including civil, water, sanitation, biomedical, construction and mining) and architecture
- Fisheries, veterinary science, environment & agriculture
- Information technology
- Statistics
- Political & development studies - democracy, corruption, civil society & related areas (postgraduate only)

The governments of Australia and Solomon Islands regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program.

In the Solomon Islands, Australia provides two types of Scholarships:

Australia Awards Scholarships

These scholarships provide citizens of Solomon Islands with the opportunity to obtain an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification at a tertiary institution in Australia. In this intake, we will aim to award more postgraduate scholarships than undergraduate scholarships.

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (Postgraduate only, nursing studies not supported)

These scholarships provides citizens of Solomon Islands with the opportunity to obtain a postgraduate qualification at a tertiary institution in the Pacific. These include the University of the South Pacific, Fiji National University, the University of PNG, & the University of Technology in PNG.

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

Country-specific guidelines
In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from Solomon Islands must also consider the following guidelines:

- Applicants with a Form VI aggregate score higher than 11 may apply however they should be aware that it is very unlikely that they will be shortlisted for interview.
- Applicants with a GPA lower than 2.5 may apply however they should be aware that it is very unlikely that they will be shortlisted for interview.
- You may apply while you are completing Form VII in 2019. However your Form VII results must be submitted to the Australian High Commission as soon as you receive them.

Application dates
For study commencing in Australia in 2020
Opening date: Friday 1 February 2019
Closing date: Tuesday 30 April 2019 (11.59pm AEST or 4.30pm at the Australian High Commission Honiara for hard copy applications).

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

The application process
Online applications
All online applications must be lodged online through https://oasis.dfat.gov.au

Hard copy applications
Application forms will be available from 1 February 2018. They can be obtained by emailing: scholarships.solomonislands@dfat.gov.au or downloaded from the Australian High Commission website: solomonislands.embassy.gov.au. If you do not have access to the internet and/or a printer, please collect the form from the Australian High Commission in Honiara.

Supporting documents
Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook and/or the Australian Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook (depending on which scholarship you apply for). Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Solomon Islands:

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<td>Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelor and Masters level where applicable)</td>
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<td>Academic transcripts</td>
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<td>IELTS, TOEFL or PTE results (if available)</td>
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<td>2 academic referee reports with seal (if applicable) &amp; 1 employment referee report with seal. The same template can be used for both academic &amp; employment referee reports</td>
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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 Solomon Islands
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
  - For PhD applicants only: capacity to draw on further study to positively influence and lead Solomon Islands economic and social development at the national level.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 1 September 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.
Further information

Information about the Australia Awards—Solomon Islands can be found at solomonislands.embassy.gov.au. More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia’s aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- [studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://studyinaustralia.gov.au)

Information about visas and Australia Awards Scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbooks:


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