



Australia Awards

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 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 for Papua New Guinea are:

- Agriculture
- Education
- Health
- Governance
- Law & justice
- Transport and infrastructure

The governments of Australia and Papua New Guinea 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: 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 2025 within the following allocations:

- **Master by Coursework** (approx. 90% awards) –majority of awards will be offered at the Master's level qualification to extend technical expertise across the priority sectors.
- **Undergraduate** (approx. 5% awards) - a limited number of undergraduate awards will be offered for Bachelor's degree programs not available in Papua New Guinea and contributes to a priority sector and/or for people living with a disability.
- **PhD and Master 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 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

Country-specific conditions

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

English language proficiency

Applicants must have achieved an Academic IELTS overall score of 6.5 or higher (with no band less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2025. IELTS result is not required at the time of application.

Public Category applicants

In addition to the basic eligibility requirements, public servant applicants must also meet the Government of Papua New Guinea requirements, including:

- employment in a public sector agency for two years after permanent appointment
- applicant is listed in their agency's Learning & Development Plan and therefore, nominated for overseas training and
- nomination from applicant's 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: dpm.gov.pg.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia 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

Expression of Interest

All applicants must submit an Expression of Interest via https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EOI_AASIntake2025 on or before 1 February 2024 to receive individual consultation.

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through OASIS at <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/>

Supporting documents

Applicants must provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for Papua New Guinea. Applicants must use the **AAPNG Intake 2025 template** for selected documents below.

Certification for Papua New Guinea applications require a Commissioner of Oath certification (signed, dated, and stamped 1 January 2023 or later).

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Reintegration plan AAPNG template found here: www.australiaawardspng.org	Other document	No
Academic qualifications – higher education certificates (i.e. bachelor/masters qualifications), vocational education and training certificates (i.e. certificate IV, diploma).	Degree certificate	Yes
Complete academic transcripts in English. High school certificate/s (if applying for undergraduate).	Academic transcript	Yes
Copy of proof of citizenship – any of the following: National Identity Card; driver’s licence and birth certificate; or valid passport.	Proof of citizenship	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	Proof of English language proficiency	Yes
Academic Referee Report – two reports for Master by Research and PhD applicants; one for Bachelor/Master by Coursework applicants). AAPNG template found here: www.australiaawardspng.org	Academic Referee report	No
Professional Referee Report – one for all levels of study. AAPNG template found here: www.australiaawardspng.org	Professional Referee report	No
Curriculum Vitae AAPNG template found here: www.australiaawardspng.org	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 Papua New Guinea
 - 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.

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://www.studyaustralia.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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