



Australia Awards

Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in RMI

Australia's international development assistance in RMI 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 RMI.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for RMI are:

- Health
- Education and skills development
- Environmental management, including climate change mitigation and disaster risk reduction.
- Natural resource management, including maritime and fisheries.
- Agricultural and rural development
- Cybersecurity and national security
- Psychology, social work, and social protection
- International policy and law

The governments of Australia and RMI regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Applicants should contact the Australia Embassy in Majuro for further information on the 2025 intake priority areas.

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of RMI with the opportunity to obtain postgraduate qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Australia Awards scholarship also provide citizens of RMI with the opportunity to obtain undergraduate and postgraduate study at Pacific institutions:

- Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) for study at Pacific universities.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2025.



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 (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

English Language proficiency

Applicants must be able to satisfy all relevant university admission requirements, including English language proficiency, please check TOEFL requirements.

At a minimum, successful applicants must have achieved a TOEFL (internet) score of at least 84 (with a minimum of 21 in all subtests) or an equivalent IELTS or PTE score. Scores must be valid on 1 January 2025.

English language requirements may also be met if applicants have undertaken their education in English (evidence by their academic transcript and/or letter from academic institution).

Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded, dependent on travel restrictions.

Country-specific conditions

In addition to the eligibility requirements, candidates from RMI must also meet the following conditions:

For Master's Degree level study

- must hold a bachelor's degree and have achieved above average results and have at least 3 years' relevant work experience.
- not hold or have held a scholarship to study outside their home country in the 24 months preceding the application.
- Applicants should have an IELTS or TOEFL at pass rate of 6.5 for each band that is current at the time of application.
- must not hold a Master's degree.

For Doctorate Degree (PhD) level study:

- must hold a Master's degree and have achieved above average results and have at least 3 years' relevant work experience.
- not hold or have held a scholarship to study outside their home country in the 24 months preceding the application.
- Applicants should have an IELTS or TOEFL at pass rate of 6.5 for each band that is current at the time of application.
- must not hold a PhD Degree.

Applicants must have achieved an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score of less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score. Scores must be valid at 1 January 2025.

Undergraduate and Post Graduate Degree (AAPS)

- Associate degree with minimum average 3.0 GPA
- Be currently residing in RMI.
- If recipient of a previous scholarship, including Australia Awards, have worked in RMI for a minimum of two years cumulatively.

- Not currently hold another scholarship with the same benefits.
- Can meet immigration requirement of university's country.

Application dates

For study commencing 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

Online applications

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

Supporting documents

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

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for RMI:

Required document	Document type	Certified
Proof of citizenship: Certified copy of live birth certificate	Proof of Citizenship	Yes
Proof of citizenship: Copy of a valid passport biodata page	Proof of Citizenship	Yes
Copy of University Degree certificate and official academic transcripts	Academic transcripts	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV) of applicant, academic qualifications, and work-related experience (no more than three pages)	CV or Resume	Yes
A copy of reference/support letter from your employer on their recommendation for the study program	Letter	Yes
Certificates for all completed study	Certificates	
For AAS: Valid TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic. (Note that if applicant is not able to provide a valid result on application, if selected they may have to sit a test to meet English language requirement)	Proof of English Language Proficiency	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 [country name].
 - 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 Home Affairs and 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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