Solomon Islands

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

### Australia Awards Scholarships in Solomon Islands

### Australia Awards 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.

### Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability, those from isolated communities, and other marginalised groups. Candidates with disability will be supported to enable equal participation throughout the application and selection processes, and while on-award.

### 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.

### 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.

### Level of study

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2025 at the undergraduate level (Bachelor) and postgraduate level (Master by research degrees) for study in specialised areas. Awards are not available for vocational education and training, diploma, or graduate diploma studies.

#### 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](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

### *Note that candidates must not have previously received a long-term Australia Awards Scholarship in the previous 4-years.*

### Country-specific conditions

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

* **must** be residing in Solomon Islands when applying
* may apply while completing Year 13/ Form 7 in 2024 (final results must be submitted once received)
* **must not** hold an equivalent or higher qualification at time of application, or commencement of scholarship
* **must** be applying to study in Australia for a bachelor (maximum duration 4-years)[[1]](#footnote-1), masters (maximum duration 2-years)[[2]](#footnote-2), or postgraduate research degree in a priority field of study, and
* postgraduate applicants must:
	+ hold a first degree relevant to the priority field of study
	+ have 3-years work experience.

### English language proficiency

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

Successful applicants will be required to undertake an English language test and must achieve a TOEFL score of at least 84 (with a minimum of 21 in all sub-tests), or an

IELTS Academic score of at least 6.5 (with no band score less than 6.0), or a PTE Academic score of at least 58 (with no communicative skill score less than 50).

### The application process

#### Online applications

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

#### Supporting documents

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

### The selection process

* Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking
* only shortlisted candidates will be contacted
* the selection process includes an interview and a written test. 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 and/or community experience.
* successful candidates will be notified in August 2024
* awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Home Affairs, Department of Education and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

### Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

* English language testing
* course counselling
* pre-departure briefing
* university’s Introductory Academic Program
* other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

**Priority fields of study for Solomon Islands**

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| Field of study | Undergraduate *(Bachelor level)* | Postgraduate *(Master and PhD levels)* |
| Economic growth | including but not limited to: economics; finance; human resource management; international relations; logistics, operations, and supply chain management; marketing; sports management; taxation. | including but not limited to: accounting; business administration; economics; entrepreneurship; finance; human resource management; international relations; logistics, operations, and supply chain management; marketing; sports management; taxation. |
| Governance | including but not limited to: communication, media, and journalism; customs; cyber security; disaster and emergency management; international development; law and legal practice; peace and security; police studies and intelligence; procurement and contract management; public policy. | including but not limited to: communication, media, and journalism; customs; cyber security; disaster and emergency management; international development; law and legal practice; peace and security; police studies and intelligence; procurement and contract management; public policy and administration. |
| Infrastructure | including but not limited to: architecture; building and construction; engineering (including aeronautical, civil, electrical, maritime, mechanical, mining, sanitation, software, water); surveying; urban design and planning. | including but not limited to: architecture; building and construction; engineering (including aeronautical, civil, electrical, maritime, mechanical, mining, sanitation, software, water); surveying; urban design and planning. |
| Science, technology, engineering and maths | including but not limited to biomedical science and biotechnology; geoscience; food science; animal health and veterinary science[[3]](#footnote-3); computer science and information technology; mathematics and statistics. | including but not limited to biomedical science and biotechnology; geoscience; food science; animal health and veterinary science; computer science and information technology; mathematics and statistics. |
| Environment and natural resource management | including but not limited to: climate change; conservation; disaster risk reduction and adaptation; earth and environmental science; environment and resource economics; meteorology; waste management; water management. | including but not limited to: agriculture; climate change; conservation; disaster risk reduction and adaptation; earth and environmental science; environment and resource economics; fisheries, forestry; meteorology; waste management; water management. |
| Education | education studies (non-teaching), inclusive education and disability studies. | including but not limited to: education management; education policy; education technology/e-learning; inclusive education; learning and leadership. |
| Health | epidemiology; health policy and administration; public health; mental health; and pharmacy. | including but not limited to: nursing (clinical, emergency, intensive care, midwifery, obstetric, paediatric, remote); and medicine[[4]](#footnote-4). |
| Community and social development | including but not limited to: anthropology; creative industries and humanities; community and human services (child protection, social work, welfare); disability; gender and culture; gender and development; Pacific studies. | including but not limited to: anthropology; creative industries and humanities; community and human services (child protection, social work, welfare); disability; gender and culture; gender and development; Pacific studies. |

**Further information**

Information about the Australia Awards—Solomon Islands (including an information kit) can be found at <https://solomonislands.embassy.gov.au/honi/study.html>

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](http://www.dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships)

**•** [studyinaustralia.gov.au](http://www.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](http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx)

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1. This excludes 5-year Bachelor of Veterinary Science courses for intake 2025 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This excludes 4-year Doctor of Medicine and Surgery courses for intake 2025 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Australia Awards Scholarships for Solomon Islands commencing in 2025, include 5-year Bachelor of Veterinary Science courses [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Australia Awards Scholarships for Solomon Islands commencing in 2025, include 4-year Doctor of Medicine and Surgery courses [↑](#footnote-ref-4)