



Solomon Islands

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Solomon Islands

Australia's international development assistance in Solomon Islands is supporting health security, stability, and economic recovery.

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. Candidates with disability will be supported to enable equal participation throughout the application and selection process, and while on-award.

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Solomon Islands with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2023 at the undergraduate level (bachelor) and postgraduate level (masters, research degrees). (Awards are not available for vocational education and training, diploma, or graduate diploma studies.)

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Solomon Islands for 2023 are:

Undergraduate and postgraduate

- **Community and social development** including but not limited to: gender; child protection; disability; social work; anthropology; Pacific studies; humanities and arts

- **Economic Growth** including but not limited to: accounting; economics; supply chain management; business administration; information technology
- **Environment** including but not limited to: climate change; disaster risk reduction and adaptation; conservation; environment and resource economics; waste management; water management; meteorology
- **Governance** including but not limited to: law and legal practice; police studies and intelligence; cyber security; statistics; procurement and contract management; emergency and disaster management; communications, media, and journalism
- **Infrastructure** including but not limited to: engineering (including civil, water, sanitation, electrical, maritime, construction and mining); urban planning; architecture; surveying; building and construction
- **Natural resource management** including agriculture, fisheries, forestry, and veterinary science.

Postgraduate only

- **Education** including but not limited to: education management and leadership; inclusive education
- **Health** including but not limited to: medicine and nursing (emergency, intensive care, midwifery, obstetric, paediatric, remote); epidemiology; public health; pharmacy; mental health; health policy and administration.

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

Note that candidates are not eligible for another Australia Awards scholarship (if they have undertaken one previously) unless they have resided outside Australia for twice the length of the total time that they were in Australia.

Country-specific conditions

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

- must have completed Year 12/Form 6 and have an aggregate score between 4 and 11; above 11 is not eligible
- may apply while completing Year 13/Form 7 in 2022 (final Year 13/Form 7 results must be submitted once received)
- must not hold an equivalent or higher qualification at time of application, or commencement of scholarship, and
- must be applying to study in Australia for a bachelor (maximum duration 4-years), masters, or postgraduate research degree in a priority field of study.

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 an IELTS Academic score of at least 6.5 (with no band score less than 6.0), or an equivalent TOEFL score of at least 84 (with a minimum of 21 in all sub-tests), or a PTE Academic score of at least 58 (with no communicative skill score less than 50).

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2023:

Opening date: 1 February 2022

Closing date: 29 April 2022 (11:59pm AEST)

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

Application process

Online applications

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

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

Selection process

The selection process includes an online application and an interview. Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- academic competence
- potential outcome, specifically the contribution to development outcomes in Solomon Islands, and
- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.

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.

Further information

Information about Australia Awards—Solomon Islands (including an info kit accessible early 2022) is found at: <https://solomonislands.embassy.gov.au/honi/study.html>

More general information about Australia Awards and studying in Australia can be found at:

- dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/pages/australia-awards-scholarships
- studyaustralia.gov.au

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the *Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook*: dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx

Contact details

Australia Awards—Solomon Islands
 Address: Level 3, Hyundai Mall | PO Box C153,
 Honiara, Solomon Islands
 Telephone: +677 24274
 Mobile: +677 738 7322
 Email: australiaawards-solomonislands@sirf.com.sb