



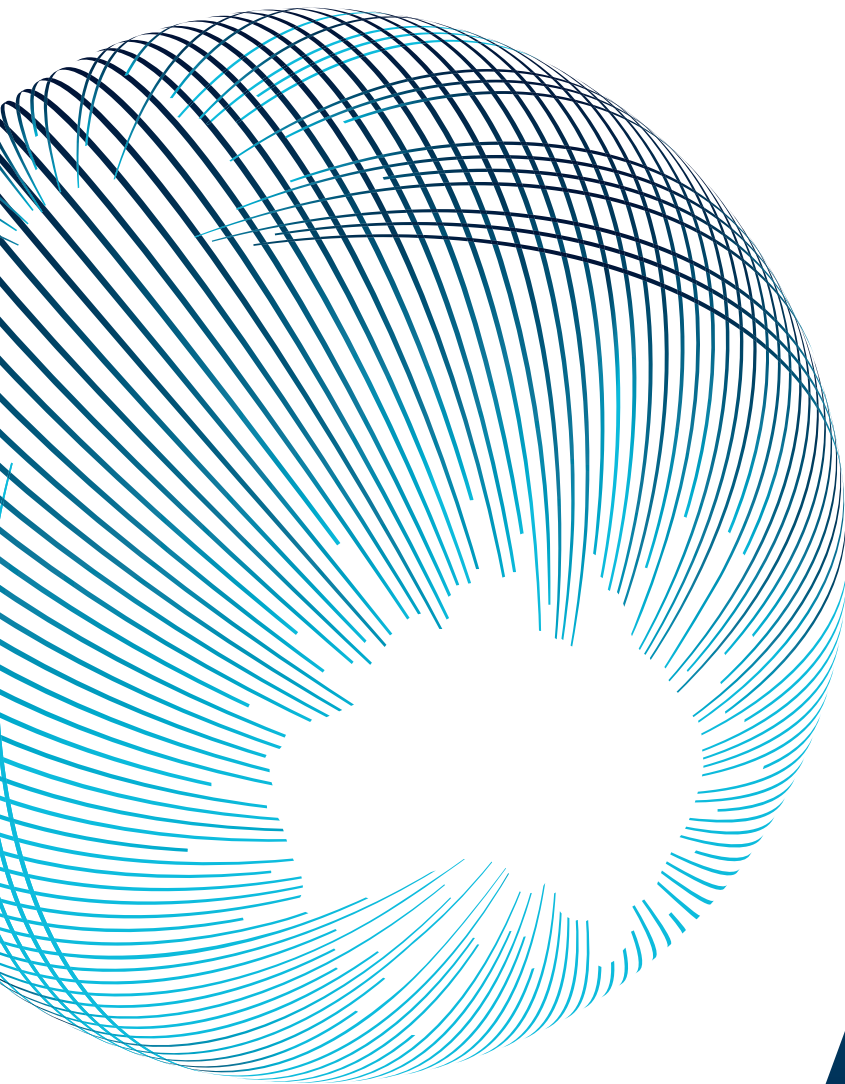
Australia Awards

Make a difference with an Australia Awards Scholarship

Intake 2022

Applications Open: 1 February 2021

Applications Close: 30 April 2021
(11:59pm Canberra Time)



Australia Awards in Nauru

Australia Awards Scholarships (AAS) and Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to the next generation of global leaders for development.

Applicants are assessed on three selection criteria: professional, personal and leadership qualities; academic competence; and potential to contribute to development in Nauru.

Citizens of Nauru from all sectors can apply for an Australia Award. Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

What can I study?

Applicants are encouraged to select courses that align with the following priority areas of study for Nauru:

- Leadership, Governance and Finance
- Health
- Education
- Information and Communications Technology
- Infrastructure Development and Management
- Fisheries Managements
- Engineering

The Governments of Australia and Nauru regularly review these priorities and adjust the emphasis of the program.

Australia Awards for Intake 2022 will be offered for technical, undergraduate and postgraduate study in Australia under an Australia Awards Scholarship, or in Fiji under an Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship. The levels of study available are:

- Certificate IV
- Diploma
- Bachelor Degree
- Masters Degree (by research or by coursework)
- Doctoral Degree (e.g. PhD)

How do I know if I'm eligible?

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at: <https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/aus-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.pdf>.

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

For Diploma level study, scholarship awardees

1. must have completed QCE (including TVET subjects) or any other Australian State Year 12 qualification or successfully completed Fiji Year 12 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate of 200 out of 400 or its equivalent (including English plus best three subjects) or have completed Cert III and Cert IV Certificates in relevant areas
2. must not hold an equivalent TVET qualification.

For Bachelor level study, scholarship awardees

1. must have successfully completed QCE or any other Australian State Year 12 qualification or successfully completed Fiji Year 13 Certificate Examination with a minimum aggregate of 200 out of 400 or its equivalent (including English plus best three subjects)
2. must not hold or have substantially completed an equivalent or higher qualification (e.g. post graduate or Masters) at the time of application.

For Masters level study, scholarship awardees

1. must have already obtained a first degree related to the proposed area of study and
2. at least two years of relevant work experience
3. must not hold a or have substantially completed a Masters degree at the time of application.

In addition, candidates from Nauru must meet the following country specific requirements:

- must have accrued a minimum of 12 months residence in Nauru before accepting scholarship.
- must not be under any bond at the time of close of applications. This only applies to applicants who have previously completed study under an Australia Awards scholarship:
 - if an applicant has completed study under a previous AAPS, they must have completed and returned for a period of 2 years before they are eligible to apply for an AAPS or AAS;
 - if an applicant has completed study under a previous AAS, they must have "resided outside of Australia for twice the length of the total time that they were in Australia"¹. For example, if the previous course of study was 2 years in duration, then the applicant must have completed and returned to Nauru for 4 years before they are eligible to re-apply.

What supporting documents must I provide?

Applicants must submit all relevant supporting documents with their application as listed in Table 1. Applications and/or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be considered.

Documents that must be submitted as a certified copy can be certified using one of a number of professional services in Nauru.

Note that any documents presented in a language other than English, must be translated into English. Translations do not have to be certified and translations by the applicant are acceptable.

Table 1: Supporting Documents lists the documents that must be uploaded in OASIS with your application to ensure that your application is eligible.

Required Document	Document type	Certified
All applicants AAS and AAPS must provide:		
Official document such as birth certificate or passport that confirms citizenship of Nauru. If a passport is not available, applicants may submit photographic identification such as a student card or driver's licence.	Proof of Citizenship	Yes

¹ AA Policy Handbook, 2020, p.21

Required Document	Document type	Certified
Employment Referee report signed, dated and stamped with official seal. Referee Report templates are available from the Australia Awards Nauru office or can be downloaded from: https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/referee.pdf	Referee Report	No
A Curriculum Vitae or Resume	CV	No
Academic transcripts for all prior or current study. Where they are not in English, please provide an English translation. Note: For any prior study completed in a country other than Australia or New Zealand, a letter from the institution or school must be provided to verify that English was used as the language of instruction.	Academic Transcript/s	Yes

In addition, applicants for Bachelor, Masters (by Research and Coursework), and Doctorate must provide:

Tertiary degree certificates for all completed study	Degree Certificate	Yes
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Masters (by Research or Coursework) and Doctoral applicants must also provide:

Academic Referee Reports (using the Australia Awards template stamped with university seal): a. Masters by Coursework applicants: one report b. Masters by Research applicants: two reports c. Doctoral applicants: two reports Referee Report templates are available from the Australia Awards Nauru office or can be downloaded from: https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/referee.pdf	Referee Report	No
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Applicants for an AAS to study in Australia must provide:

A valid IELTS, TOEFL or PTE Academic test result. Note: If applicants are not able to provide a valid test result on application, if shortlisted, they must sit a test and meet all English language requirements.	Proof of English Language Proficiency	Yes
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How will I know if I'm selected?

At the close of applications, all eligible applications will be assessed and shortlisted. The selection process is based on the principles of merit and equity and includes an interview.

At each stage of the selection process, applicants will be informed if their application is not proceeding further. Applicants who are interviewed will be notified of the outcome shortly after the selection process concludes.

All Scholarships are provisional until the following requirements are met:

- AAS applicants must achieve an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with no sub-band less than 6.0, or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score, irrespective of any lesser English language requirements of their chosen university.
- AAS and AAPS applicants must secure placement at an Australian or Fijian university offering their selected course of study; and
- All applicants must be issued with a visa by the issuing body of the Australian or Fijian Government.

Successful applicants are required to sign a contract with the Commonwealth of Australia accepting the scholarship conditions.

Key dates

Information Session/s held at Centennial Hall and the University of the South Pacific Nauru campus	February 2021
Information Sessions and assistance to upload applications at USP computer lab	March – April 2021
Applications close	30 April 2021
Applications assessed	May 2021
Interviews for shortlisted applicants	June 2021
Advise successful applicants (provisional awardees)	July 2021
Pre-departure training (PDT)	November 2021

Further information

If you have any additional questions about your eligibility or the application process, you can contact the Australia Awards Nauru office, at info@australiaawardsnauru.org

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Five steps to apply online

Step 1: Check that you are eligible

Detailed eligibility criteria are listed in the section Eligibility Criteria. These must be met in order to be eligible to apply.

Please check these carefully before you proceed to the next step.



Step 2: Research University courses

In selecting your course of study, think carefully about your options and ensure that there is a strong link between your prior qualifications, the development needs of your sector/ organisation/ community, and your future career plans.

For AAS applicants, go to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) website <http://cricos.education.gov.au/> to find comprehensive information about all Australian universities and the courses available to international students.

Applicants are also advised to use individual university websites, to undertake research about proposed courses of study and clarify:

- whether the selected course is available to international students
- the details of the course content and topics covered
- any pre-requisite study requirements
- the English language requirements



Step 3: Create a login to access OASIS

All online applications must be submitted through DFAT's Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS) at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

An OASIS Applicant User Guide can be downloaded at the OASIS home page.



Step 4: Complete all the data entry requirements and upload your supporting documents

When responding to the questions in the application form, make sure that you take time to really think about your answer and use as much of the available word count as possible.

Applicants are expected to have clear ideas about how they will contribute to development in Nauru upon their return. Applicants are encouraged to consider the relationship between their academic and professional goals and Nauru's goals for prosperity, poverty reduction, and enhanced political stability.

Refer to Table 1: Supporting Documents, for the list of all documents that you must upload based on your selected course.

The maximum document size (per document) for uploading is 2MB.

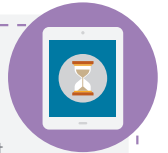
Assistance is available on request for people with disability who require help to upload their application and/or supporting documents.



Step 5: Check and submit your application before the closing date

Before you submit, go back and double check that you have filled in all fields in the application, and uploaded all required supporting documents.

Applicants are strongly advised to complete and submit their online application well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) is used across all Australia Awards programs in the Indo-Pacific and experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.



Top tips for submitting a strong application

Do your research

To help you to prepare a strong application seek out information and advice by attending an information session, talking to alumni, and asking for advice from the Australia Awards Nauru office. Make sure you understand the **three selection criteria** (page 1) so that your answers illustrate your relevant capabilities.

Gather all supporting documents

Carefully assemble and check that you have all the required supporting documents before you submit. Approximately 40% of applications are not eligible due to errors that can be easily avoided, like missing documents. Also ensure that you certify documents as specified in Table 1 before you submit.

Provide comprehensive answers

When answering the questions in your application, make sure you use all of the allocated word count so that your answer is detailed and comprehensive.

Proofread the applications before submission

Ask a friend or family member to proofread your application before you submit. Having somebody else read your work will help pick up on any spelling or grammatical errors and provide helpful feedback for improvement.

