



# Solomon Islands

## Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

### Australia Awards in Solomon Islands

Australia's international development assistance in Solomon Islands aims to establish a peaceful, well-governed and prosperous Solomon Islands. This can be achieved by focusing with the Solomon Islands Government on improving safety and security; strengthening economic governance and fostering broad-based growth; improving government accountability; improving service delivery in urban and provincial areas; and building stronger and more peaceful communities.

Australia Awards are aligned with Australia's development assistance in Solomon Islands, targeting human resource gaps in identified priority sectors. They aim to provide awardees with the skills and knowledge to drive change and influence economic and social development.

Applicants will be assessed for their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to impact on development challenges in Solomon Islands.

The Australian Government offers awards on the basis of merit, transparency and equal access. We strongly encourage applications from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

### Priority sectors

Applications are encouraged from a broad range of priority areas for the development of Solomon Islands:

- health (excluding medicine)
- education (postgraduate only)
- gender
- economics, business and accounting;
- legal services
- engineering (including water, sanitation, construction & mining)
- fisheries, environment, agriculture
- information technology; and
- statistics

### In Solomon Islands, Australia provides two types of Scholarships:

#### Australia Awards Scholarships

These scholarships provide citizens of Solomon Islands with the opportunity to obtain an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

#### Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships

These scholarships provide citizens of Solomon Islands with the opportunity to obtain an undergraduate or post graduate qualification at a tertiary institution in the Pacific. These include the University of the South Pacific; Fiji National University; the University of Papua New Guinea; and the University of Technology in Papua New Guinea.

### Australia Awards benefits

Australia Awards are offered for the minimum period necessary for the individual to complete the academic program specified by the tertiary education institution, including any preparatory training.

Scholarship recipients will generally receive the following:

- full tuition fees
- return air travel
- establishment allowance
- contribution to living expenses
- introductory academic program
- Overseas Student Health Cover for the duration of the Scholarship
- Initial visa expenses
- supplementary academic support, and
- fieldwork allowance—for research and masters by course work which has a compulsory field work component.



## Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook: <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx> or the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook: <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-policy-handbook-december-2015.aspx> depending on which scholarship they apply for.

## Application dates for study commencing in 2018

Opening date:

**1 February 2017 – Online**

**6 February – Hard copy**

Closing date:

**30 April 2017 – Online**

**1 May 2017 – Hard copy**

Applications or supporting documents received after this date will not be considered.

## The application process

### Online applications

Apply online at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au>

We advise applicants submitting online to do so well before the closing date. The online application facility (OASIS) experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

### Hardcopy applications

Application forms will be available from 6 February 2017.

They can be obtained by emailing: [scholarships.solomonislands@dfat.gov.au](mailto:scholarships.solomonislands@dfat.gov.au) or downloaded from the Australian High Commission website: <http://www.solomonislands.embassy.gov.au/honi/home.html>

If you do not have access to the internet, please collect forms from the Australian High Commission in Honiara or telephone (+677) 20011 Ext: 110/111/135

## Supporting documents

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships and Australia Awards Scholarships applicants must submit with their application all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook or the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook, including:

Document type	Certified
Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate /passport if available and photographic	Yes

identification i.e. student card/drivers licence if passport is not available.	
Tertiary degree certificates (Bachelors and Masters level where applicable)	Yes
Academic transcripts (where they are not in English please provide an English translation)	Yes
IELTS, TOEFL or PTE results (if available)	Yes
Two Academic Referee Reports with seal, and (if applicable), One Employment Referee Report with seal (same template as above)	No
Curriculum Vitae	No

## The selection process

Selection will be based on the applicant's professional and personal qualities, academic competence and alignment to listed priority sectors. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and interviewed.

## Outcomes

Applicants will receive notification as to whether they have been successful by no later than 29 September 2017.

## Further information

Further information about Australia Awards can be found at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards.aspx>

Information about Visas and award entitlements and conditions can be found in the Scholarships Policy Handbook, available at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook.aspx> or

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-policy-handbook-december-2015.aspx>

More general information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, studying in Australia, and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade can be found at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/australia-awards/Pages/australia-awards.aspx>

<http://dfat.gov.au/aid/Pages/australias-aid-program.aspx>

<http://dfat.gov.au/pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/>

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