

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship 2022 Applications

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS)

The Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships provide Niuean citizens with opportunities to study at a tertiary institution in the region. Awards will be offered up to a Bachelor's degree or diploma level at the University of the South Pacific (USP) or the Fiji National University (FNU).

Application dates

Applications for the 2022 intake close on **30 May 2021** (31 May Australian time).

Applicants are advised to finalise their applications well before the closing date. The OASIS system experiences peak usage in the days leading up to the closing date and applicants may experience delays.

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

Priority Fields of Study

The Priority Fields of Study available for the AAPS are limited to the undergraduate level, and include:

Education (including but not limited to): educational assessment; linguistics or multilingual studies; education training and development (early childhood, primary, secondary, non-formal, and special and inclusive education); and vernacular studies.

Governance (including but not limited to): justice; law; policing; public administration; and social and community work.

Sustainable economic development (including but not limited to): agriculture; computer science; engineering (civil, electrical, environmental, geospatial; marine, mechanical, physics, public health; renewable energy); economics; financial management and administration; hospitality services and management; information and technology systems; health and medical (nursing, nursing practitioners, pharmacy, physiotherapy, public health); skilled trades (carpentry, construction, electrical); transport systems and management; and water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship Benefits

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

Scholarship recipients will receive:

- return air travel;
- a one-off establishment allowance;
- full tuition fees;
- contribution to living expenses;
- introductory academic program;
- basic student health coverage for the duration of the scholarship; and
- supplementary academic support.

Eligibility criteria

AAPS applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook, which is available at: <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-handbook.pdf>

In addition to meeting the general eligibility criteria, applicants must also meet the following AAPS-specific eligibility requirements:

- meet the minimum qualifications as set out by the institution and the specific program area, which for some fields of study requires the student to achieve at least NCEA Level 3 with 10 approved literacy credits at Level 2 or above (minimum 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing) and 10 approved numeracy credits at Level 1 or above;
- apply for one of the Priority Areas of Study outlined above;
- must not hold an equivalent TVET qualification;
- must not have accepted or currently possess a scholarship from another government; and/or
- must have completed studies at Niue High School in the last five years.

The application process

Applications for AAPS must be submitted as follows.

For students applying to study at:

- The University of the South Pacific (USP); or
- The Fiji National University's (FNU) College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (excluding Nursing)

You must apply online using the *Online Australia Awards Scholarships Information System (OASIS)* at: <https://oasis.dfat.gov.au/> and must also include a completed scanned hard copy of the institution application form.

Students applying to study at the following FNU colleges must submit a hardcopy application along with a completed FNU application form. Hardcopy application forms are available at: [Fiji National University \(fnu.ac.fj\)](http://www.fnu.ac.fj)

- College of Engineering, Science and Technology;
- College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences; or
- College of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit the supporting documents listed below and outlined in the *Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Policy Handbook*.

Copy of passport or birth certificate
One completed Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship application form with a recent photograph
One completed Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship institution (USP or FNU) application form
A copy of the NCEA Level 2 official transcript
A copy of the NCEA Level 3 official transcript, if available and applicable at the time of application

The selection process

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

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- All candidates will be advised whether they have been shortlisted.
- 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 Niue;
 - personal leadership attributes;
 - writing skills; and
 - oral presentation.

Preparatory training

Successful AAPS applicants will be required to attend a pre-departure briefing provided in their host country. In addition, they may be required to complete an Introductory Academic Program offered by the host institution before commencing their academic program.

Further information

Information about Australia Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS) and the *Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships Handbook* can be found at:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/australia-awards-pacific-scholarships-handbook.pdf>

Information about available programs of study at USP for the Australia Award Pacific Scholarship can be found at:

www.usp.ac.fj

Contact

For any further information about the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships or the application process please contact Susan Allen at the Australian High Commission, either by email (susan.allen@dfat.gov.au) or by phone (4173). You are also very welcome to come into the High Commission to meet with Susan, but it's best to make an appointment in advance.