



Palau

Applying for an Australia Awards Scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in Palau

Australia's international development assistance in Palau helps promote prosperity, reduce poverty, and enhance stability.

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 Palau.

Applications are strongly encouraged from women, people with disability and other marginalised groups.

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for Palau are:

- Health
- Information and Communications Technology (Computer Science)
- Infrastructure Development and Management
- Fisheries Management
- Engineering (Electrical Engineering)
- Agriculture
- Education
- Law

The governments of Australia and Palau regularly review these areas of study together and adjust the emphasis of the program. Applicants should contact the Australia Embassy in Palau for further information on the 2024 intake priority areas.

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide citizens of Palau with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian university.

Awards for study at Australian universities will be offered for commencement in 2024.

Awards will be offered at the following levels:

- Graduate Certificate/Diploma
- Bachelor Degree
- Masters (by research or coursework)

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 university, 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 (OSHC) for the duration of the scholarship
- supplementary academic support
- fieldwork allowance for (compulsory fieldwork only)

Eligibility criteria

Australia Awards applicants must meet all eligibility requirements detailed in the **Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook** available at <https://www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/australia-awards-scholarships-policy-handbook>



English language proficiency

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

Applicants must have achieved a minimum score of:

- **TOEFL: 84 with a minimum of 21 in all subtests**
- **IELTS: 6.5 with no band less than 6.0**
- **PTE: 58 with no communicative skill score less than 50**

Scores must be valid on 1 January 2024.

English language requirements may also be met if applicants have undertaken their education in English (evidence by their academic transcript and/or letter from academic institution).

Commencement of study

All scholarships must be taken up in the year for which they are awarded, dependent on travel restrictions. Should an awardee not be able to commence study in 2024 for reasons unrelated to travel restrictions, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

Country-specific conditions

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

For (undergraduate) Graduate Certificate/Diploma level study, scholarship awardees

- must have successfully completed Palau Year 12 High School Diploma or equivalent General Education Degree (GED) or adult high school certificate

For Bachelor level study, scholarship awardees

- must have successfully completed Palau Year 12 High School Diploma or equivalent General Education Degree (GED) or adult high school certificate
- must not hold or have substantially completed an equivalent or higher qualification at the time of application.

For Masters level study, scholarship awardees

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

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, candidates from Palau must also meet the following country specific requirements:

- Be currently residing in Palau, with some exception for applicants working for the Government of Palau in a third country
- If recipient of a previous scholarship, including Australia Awards, have worked in Palau for a minimum of two years cumulatively

- Not currently hold another scholarship with the same benefits
- Not have been terminated from a previous Australian Government scholarship.
- Not a current serving member of the military
- No criminal history

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2024:

Opening date: 30 June 2023

Closing date: 1 August 2023 (4.00PM KOROR TIME)

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

The application process

Softcopy & hard copy applications

Please obtain a soft copy application form by:

- Downloading from the Australia Embassy Palau website at www.palau.embassy.gov.au
- Hardcopy application forms can be obtained from the Australian Embassy in Koror.

Email your application to: palau.projects@dfat.gov.au

Supporting documents

Applicants must submit all of the relevant supporting documents listed in the table below.

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.

Required document	Document type	Certified
ALL APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:		
1. Proof of citizenship i.e. birth certificate/passport if available and photographic identification i.e. student card/drivers licenses if passport is not available.	Proof of Citizenship	Yes
2. Curriculum Vitae Note: CV's must list all prior employment and study, professional development and any publications, conference presentations or professional memberships	CV or Resume	No
3. Academic transcripts.	Academic Transcripts	Yes

Required document	Document type	Certified
<p>Note: Where they are not in English please provide an English translation.</p> <p>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.</p>		
4. Certificates for all completed study	Certificates	Yes
5. Police Clearance	Certified Letter	Yes
6. One Referee Report	Letter	No
APPLICANTS FOR MASTERS MUST ALSO PROVIDE:		
7. Academic Referee Reports (with university seal): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Masters by Coursework applicants: one report b. Masters by Research: two reports c. Doctorate: two reports 	Referee Report	No
8. Employment Referee report with seal	Referee Report	No
IF APPLICANTS DID NOT UNDERTAKE PREVIOUS EDUCATION IN ENGLISH, TO STUDY IN AUSTRALIA THEY MUST ALSO PROVIDE:		
9. A valid TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic results. <p>Note that if applicants are not able to provide a valid test result on application, if selected they may have to sit a test to meet English language requirements.</p>	Proof of English Language Proficiency	No

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking
- 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 Palau

- professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified no later than 30 October 2023.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment, and must meet the requirements imposed by State and Territory governments.

Preparatory training

Successful applicants will be required to attend:

- course counselling
- pre-departure briefing
- university's Introductory Academic Program
- other required preparatory study on arrival in Australia.

Further information

General information about the Australia Awards, Australia's aid program, and studying in Australia can be found at the following links:

- [Australia Awards](#)
- 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

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