Australia Awards

New Caledonia

Applying for an Australia Awards scholarship

Australia Awards scholarships in New Caledonia

Australia's international development assistance in New Caledonia promotes a peaceful, stable and prosperous future for Australia and in the region.

The Australia Awards program aims to support partner countries in achieving their development goals through education, knowledge exchange, and building enduring relationships with Australia. It equips emerging leaders with the skills, networks, and experience needed to contribute to sustainable development and foster international cooperation.

Applicants are assessed on their professional and personal qualities, academic competence and, most importantly, their potential to exercise leadership and impact on development challenges in eligible countries.

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

Priority fields of study

The priority areas of study for eligible New Caledonians are:

- Natural and physical science
- Environment and Natural Resource Management
- Engineering, Minerals and Renewable Energy Transition
- Maritime and Marine Science
- Agriculture and Food Science
- Sustainable Development, Tourism, Hospitality and Business Studies
- Social Science including demographics
- Global politics.

Level of study

Australia Awards scholarships provide New Caledonians with the opportunity to obtain a qualification at an Australian tertiary institution.

Awards will be offered for commencement in 2027 within the following allocations:

- 12 month Graduate Diploma; or
- 12 month Masters's by coursework or research.

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

Country-specific conditions

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

- French national (Persons with dual French-Australian or French-New Zealand nationality are not eligible)
- completed majority of schooling (primary or secondary) in one of the three French Pacific collectives (New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Wallis and Futuna)
- must not hold or have substantially completed a Master's degree at the time of application
- minimum GPA 3.0 in their undergraduate degree,
- applicants must have achieved an IELTS (academic) score of 6.5 or higher (with no individual band score less than 6.0) or an equivalent TOEFL or PTE score; and scores must be valid as 31 January 2027.

Application dates

For study commencing in Australia in 2027:

Opening date: 1 February 2026 (9:00 AEDT)
Closing date: 30 April 2026 (14:00 AEST)

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

The application process

Online applications

All applications must be lodged online through OASIS.

- Applicants must use their full name exactly as it appears on their passport, including first, middle, and last names.
- Applicants must not use nicknames, shortened versions, or abbreviations of their names.

Supporting documents

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

Applicants must compile documents into single PDFs by document category, name the files appropriately (e.g. "Certificates", "Referee Reports"), and ensure that the scanned documents are in colour, legible, in correct page order and orientation.

Applicants must also provide the following documents to meet the specific requirements for New Caledonia:

Required document	OASIS document type	Certified
Passport and/or birth certificate	Proof of citizenship	Yes
Undergraduate and/or postgraduate level qualifications	Academic transcripts	Yes
Curriculum Vitae (CV)	CV or resumes	No
Minimum two referee reports including from current employer (required) plus one other (previous employer, mentor, academic supervisor)	Referee report (translated)	No
Proof of English language proficiency	IELTS, TOEFL or PTE academic results	No

The selection process

- Applications will be shortlisted after eligibility checking.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- 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 New Caledonia
  - professional and personal leadership attributes including relevant work experience.
- Successful candidates will be notified in late 2026.
- Awardee travel will be subject to meeting the requirements imposed by the Australian Government, as determined by the federal Department of Home Affairs and Department of Education and by the relevant Australian State or 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

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

- Australia Awards Scholarships
- Study in Australia

Information about visas and Australia Awards scholarship entitlements and conditions can be found in the Australia Awards Scholarships Policy Handbook.

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