



# Australian Government

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### THE AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (ADS) and THE AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS (ARDS) 2010 INTAKE

**Preliminary Applications** are invited from Fiji citizens for tertiary studies scholarships commencing in 2010 under the Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) Scheme for institutions in Australia OR under the Australian Regional Development Scholarships (ARDS) Scheme for institutions in the Pacific Region. **Study programs must be undertaken on Full-time mode.** The Full-time scholarships cover course fees, a living allowance and a return airfare where applicable.

Applicants can apply for one scholarship only - either an ADS or an ARDS scholarship, but not for both.

#### Level of study for which you can apply

ADS scholarships offer Undergraduate and Postgraduate studies (not PhDs) for courses that are not available at an ARDS regional institution (see list below). ADS scholarships support a single rate of allowance; it does not pay an accompanied rate for families.

ARDS scholarships offer Undergraduate, Technical & Vocational, and Postgraduate studies (not PhDs) and support Full-time studies only.

#### Selection

Scholarship awards will be based on academic merit taking into account the academic attainment, work experience and relevance of the proposed study to Fiji's human resource development needs in the areas of **Economics and Public Sector Management and Reform, International Trade, Security, Climate Change, Health, and Education.**

Consideration will be given to eligible students pursuing studies in the Certificate in Disability & Rehabilitation Program at the Fiji School of Medicine.

Equal numbers of scholarships will be awarded to males and females. The decision of the selection panel is final.

#### Notification of the results of this Preliminary Application

Successful Preliminary applicants will be sent ADS or ARDS application forms. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN ADS/ARDS APPLICATION FORM BY FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009 YOU HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL. DO NOT CONTACT THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION AS THE DECISION IS FINAL AND WILL NOT BE RE-CONSIDERED.**

#### General Eligibility Criteria

Applicants:

- Must be citizens of Fiji and not have access to places in Australian higher institutions on the basis of Australian citizenship, or Australian permanent residence status, or eligibility to hold a New Zealand passport or have permanent residence in New Zealand.
- Must not be married to, or in a defacto relationship with, a person who holds Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence status.
- Must not hold another scholarship simultaneously with an ADS or ARDS award, nor should they have held an Australian Government scholarship in the preceding 12 months at the time of application.
- Applicants for ADS must be applying to commence a new course of study and not be seeking support for a course they have already commenced in Australia.
- Must not transfer from a Fiji Government scholarship or any other scholarship during the tenure of that scholarship.
- Must be able to take up the award in the calendar year for which the award is offered.
- Must not be under any bonding or cost sharing arrangements at the time of commencement of an award.

#### Institutions

ADS scholarships are open to all universities in Australia. ARDS Scholarships will only be awarded for study at the following regional educational institutions:

- University of the South Pacific (Fiji, Vanuatu, and Samoa)
- Fiji School of Medicine
- Fiji Institute of Technology
- Fiji School of Nursing
- Lautoka Teachers College
- Fiji College of Advanced Education
- Fiji College of Agriculture
- PNG University of Technology (UNITECH) Lae Campus
- Pacific Adventist University - Port Moresby
- Divine Word University (DWU) Madang PNG
- University of Goroka - Goroka PNG
- University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) Waigani Campus, Port Moresby
- University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) School of Medicine Taurama Campus, Port Moresby.

#### Country Specific Criteria

##### Technical/Vocational Training :

- Applicants must have a FSLC minimum aggregate mark of 250 out of 400, or its equivalent, for English and three best subjects.
- Mature age applicants should have at least 5 years relevant work experience, achieved a pass grade at least either Form 6 or Form 7 level, or equivalent, and/or have successfully undertaken some form of continuing education or work related training.
- Applicants should not hold either an undergraduate degree or a tertiary diploma.
- Applicants who have obtained a certificate level qualification may apply.
- As of 1st January 2010, applicants should at least be 17 years of age.

##### Undergraduate

- Applicants must have a FSLC minimum aggregate mark of 300 out of 400 or its equivalent (for English and three best subjects).
- Mature age applicants should have at least 5 years relevant work experience, achieved pass grades at least either the Form 6 or Form 7 or equivalent results and/or have successfully undertaken some form of relevant tertiary studies either through tertiary institutions or work related training.
- Applicants should not hold an undergraduate or postgraduate degree.
- As of 1st January 2010, applicants should be at least 17 years of age.

##### Postgraduate

- Applicants should have achieved above average results in their undergraduate degree(s) and have at least 5 years of relevant work experience.
- Mature age applicants should have at least 10 years relevant work experience, achieved a pass grade at either the Form 6 or Form 7 or equivalent level, and/or have successfully undertaken relevant tertiary studies or some form of continuing education.
- No age limit, although a scholar's potential outputs on return from study will be assessed during selection time.
- Applicants should not hold a postgraduate degree.

#### Preliminary Application Form for the 2010 Intake

To be considered eligible, applications MUST INCLUDE all of the following:

- The completed Preliminary Application form.
- A Curriculum Vitae from the applicant detailing personal details, academic qualifications and work related experience (should be no more than four pages).
- Certified copies of all academic transcripts that specify percentage grades or marks for each stage of study undertaken
- A certified copy of the FSLC official results notice if already sat for.
- A certified copy of the FSFE official results notice if already sat for.
- A certified copy of the applicant's full birth certificate.
- A short statement providing details on proposed area of study and its relevance to the applicant's career aspirations in relation to Fiji's development needs (maximum of one A4 page).

**Note:** Certified copies are photocopies which have been signed by a public notary, Justice of the Peace, respective school principal or academic registrar, after the sighting of your original documents.

Applications must include all details outlined above and should be submitted by 4 pm, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 to:

By Post:

South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment  
PO Box 2083 Government Buildings, Suva

OR Delivered to:

South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment  
26 MacGregor Road, Suva

Enquiries can be directed to the Scholarship Coordinator, South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment, on telephone number 3315839 or email address : [scholarships@spbea.org.fj](mailto:scholarships@spbea.org.fj)

#### APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE :

- South Pacific Board for Educational Assessment, 26 MacGregor Road, Suva
- District Education Offices in the Central, Eastern, Western and Northern Divisions.
- Australian High Commission website : [www.fiji.embassy.gov.au](http://www.fiji.embassy.gov.au)
- Fiji Times AusAID scholarship advertisement on these Saturdays 28/2, 7/3, 14/3, 21/3, and 28/3.

The photocopying of this application is permitted. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

**THE AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (ADS) AND  
THE AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP (ARDS)  
PRELIMINARY APPLICATION FORM FOR 2010 INTAKE**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Given Names \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 1 Jan 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ years

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_ Contact telephone numbers \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No. : \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer all the following questions (tick one box only)

**Failure to answer ALL questions will render the application invalid**

Sex Male  Female

What is your intended field of study? \_\_\_\_\_

At which Institution? \_\_\_\_\_

Which scholarship are you applying for? ADS (Australia)  ARDS (Pacific region)

Which level of study? Technical/Vocational  Certificate  Diploma

Undergraduate Degree  Postgraduate Study

Are you a Fiji citizen? Yes  No

Do you have access to Australian or New Zealand Permanent Residency or Australian or New Zealand citizenship? Yes  No

Are you married to or in a defacto relationship with a person who has Australian or New Zealand residency or Australian or New Zealand citizenship? Yes  No

Are you studying in 2009? Yes  No

If yes, (A) give details of course, level, and institution. (B) What qualification do you expect to gain in 2009?

(A) Course : \_\_\_\_\_ Level/Year : \_\_\_\_\_ Institution : \_\_\_\_\_

(B) Qualification : \_\_\_\_\_

Are you working? Yes  No  Years of work experience \_\_\_\_\_ years

Do you hold a scholarship for tertiary studies? Yes  No

Are you currently under any bonding arrangement? Yes  No

If yes, please give details : \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS PRELIMINARY APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

I declare that the information contained on this form and all my correspondence is correct in every detail. I understand that the Government of Australia reserves the right to confirm the accuracy of the information in this application and any subsequent applications with a third party and that incorrect statements may result in my application being declared ineligible for an ADS or ARDS award.

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_