



Australia Awards

Short Courses Youth

About

Australia Awards Short Courses provide targeted skill development opportunities for Papua New Guineans that:

- offer short-term professional learning in Papua New Guinea and Australia
- enhance skills in key sectors, responding to workforce gaps and priorities, supporting Papua New Guinea's development and individual career growth
- meet priority learning and development needs, resulting in a new skill and/or qualification (e.g. microcredentials)
- provide networking opportunities and exposure to Australian organisations and culture.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a Papua New Guinean citizen
- Have graduated within the last four (4) years from a registered PNG tertiary institution
- Hold a recognised qualification such as a diploma, graduate certificate, bachelor's degree, or master's degree
- Not currently employed in a field related to your area of study or currently seeking employment
- Demonstrate an interest in developing skills in program management
- Be available to attend a Youth Short Course (one-week, two-week, or four-week) on a full-time basis
- Have intermediate to advanced English language proficiency
- Possess intermediate IT skills (e.g. ability to use computers effectively)
- Be committed to actively fostering networks within Papua New Guinea and Australia.

Are you a recent graduate looking to build your skills and advance your career options? Consider a Short Course!

Short Courses for Youth

Eligible youth will be able to apply for Short Courses ranging from one to four weeks in 2026 and 2027. These Short Courses will build knowledge and skills in:

- **Project Management:** Learn about best practice methodologies for effective program delivery.
- **Decision-Making:** Understand how to use evidence-based approaches to inform policy and procedures.
- **Budgeting & Compliance:** Strengthen your financial management and reporting skills.
- **Monitoring & Evaluation:** Build capabilities in data collection and analysis.
- **ICT:** Enhance your skills in technologies like Office 365, project tools, AI, and coding to support innovation.

Participants will be provided the opportunity to participate in at least two Short Courses, with travel to Australia awarded to high performers.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates will learn how to:

- Address real-world challenges through hands-on, contextualised problem-solving and scenario-based learning
- Critically assess policies, systems, and practices to identify opportunities for innovation, inclusion, and improvement
- Work collaboratively with peers and stakeholders
- Promote gender equality, resilience, sustainability and social inclusion
- Use digital tools and data literacy to support planning, implementation, evidence-based decision-making, and evaluation
- Reflect on personal leadership and professional learning, identifying how newly acquired skills can contribute to community impact and growth.



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Youth Short Courses 2026-2027

Governance Essentials - Budgeting and Compliance Fundamentals (two-weeks): 11-22 May 2026

Builds practical skills in budgeting, compliance, and public sector accountability. Includes exercises on financial interpretation and donor requirements for stronger governance in community organisations.

Project Management Intensive (four-weeks): 3-28 August 2026 OR 11 January - 5 February 2027

Strengthens project design, planning, and delivery using global frameworks. Covers stakeholder engagement, risk management, and inclusive approaches aligned with Papua New Guinea's development priorities.

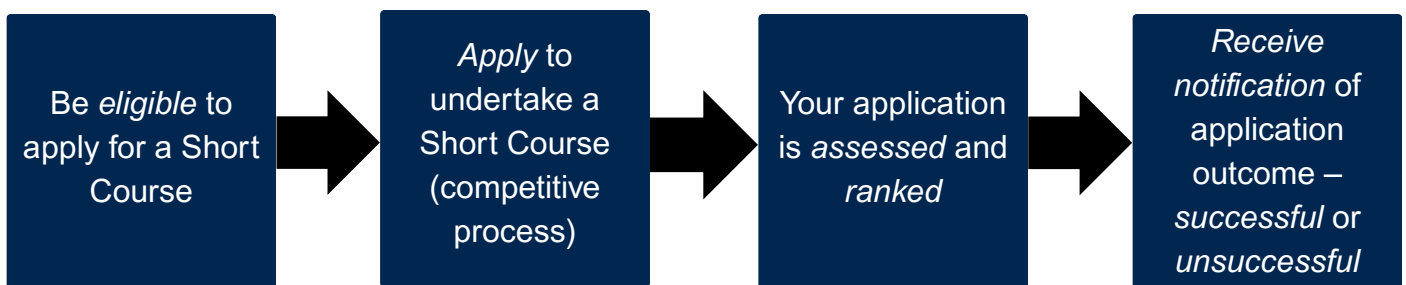
Digital Competence - ICT Fundamentals (four-weeks): 19 October - 13 November 2026

Develops essential digital literacy and ICT skills for emerging professionals. Hands-on training in productivity tools, data management, and online safety to boost efficiency and collaboration.

Monitoring & Evaluation for Social Change (two-weeks): 5-16 April 2027

Introduces practical monitoring and evaluation (M&E) tools for planning, data analysis, and reporting. Emphasises participatory approaches to measure impact and improve youth-led initiatives for social change.

Applying for a Short Course



Australia Awards uses SmarterSelect to manage all Short Course applications. Eligible individuals can submit an application for consideration at:

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/109781-Australia-Awards-Png->

If you require support completing your application (e.g. paper copy or access to a computer at our education centre), please contact Australia Awards.

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