



**Australia Awards**



**PNGAus Partnership**

# Higher Education Professional Linkages Program

The PNG–Australia Partnership, through Australia Awards PNG, supports academics and professional staff from Papua New Guinea universities to present at conferences and symposiums in Australia.

## Program Objectives

This initiative aims to:

- strengthen linkages between PNG and Australia
- enhance skills and knowledge of university academics and professional staff
- promote research
- support researchers share their findings.

## Benefits

Successful applicants may receive support for:

- accommodation
- economy-class airfares (international and domestic, via the most direct route)
- per diems
- conference registration fees
- international travel insurance.

## Eligibility Criteria

**Applicants must:**

- be a citizen of PNG
- be an academic or a professional staff member employed full-time at a recognised PNG higher education institution
- have a paper or other submission accepted for presentation at a conference or symposium in Australia
- hold a valid PNG passport (valid for at least six months beyond travel dates)
- provide written endorsement from:
  - Head of Department; and
  - Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic), Vice Chancellor or equivalent.

## Required Supporting Documents

Applicants must provide:

- proof of conference or symposium acceptance (e.g. abstract acceptance or an invitation letter)
- valid passport (bio-data page)
- one form of ID (NID card, driver's license or employment ID)
- letter or email of institutional endorsement (from authorised senior leadership).

## Application Process

1. Create your SmarterSelect Account using the link <https://smr.to/p110286>
2. Complete and submit your online application using the SmarterSelect portal

## Application and Screening Process

- Applications must be submitted by Friday 31 July 2026
- Applications will be assessed by an independent panel
- Applicants will be notified of outcomes in August 2026

The Australian Government is committed to gender equity, disability, and social inclusion (GEDSI), and encourages applications from women, people with disability, and individuals from rural and remote communities.

## Contact Information

For more information and application support:

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