



Australia Awards

# Australia Awards Scholarships Intake 2020 Research Degrees



## About Australia Awards

Australia Awards Scholarships are prestigious international awards offered by the Australian Government to Papua New Guinea's current and future leaders.

### To be eligible for a research scholarship you **MUST**:

- be a citizen of Papua New Guinea
- have at least two years of work experience in your sector
- apply for a postgraduate and progressive qualification (i.e. apply for a Masters if you already have a Bachelor degree)
- currently hold a research or teaching position at a PNG higher education and research institution
- have secured a research supervisor and provide written confirmation of this
- have developed a proposal for your intended research
- be committed to return to PNG
- public servants must meet the GoPNG training bid process requirements. Please refer to [www.dpm.gov.pg](http://www.dpm.gov.pg) for more information.

### You are **not eligible** if you:

- currently hold an Australian Government funded scholarship
- hold citizenship or permanent resident status in Australia
- are married or engaged to be married to someone who holds or is entitled to hold citizenship or permanent residency in Australia.

### Doctoral and Master by Research Applications

Australia Awards offer research scholarships to support the capacity development at higher education and research institutions in PNG.

A very limited number of Doctorate and Masters by Research awards are offered each year. All scholarship awards, including for research, are awarded on a merit basis.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### What is a Higher Degree by Research (HDR) program?

Doctorates and Masters by Research are HDR programs. Doctorate degrees are the highest level of study. There are two types of doctorate degrees – A Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) and a Professional Doctorate.

A PhD is an advanced academic qualification that usually takes 3 years to complete and involves the development of a thesis of approximately 80,000 words. The thesis must make a significant contribution of new knowledge to the discipline area. The thesis reports on an independently completed and academically supervised research project.

A Professional Doctorate is similar to a PhD and is an advanced academic qualification that usually takes three years to complete. A Professional Doctorate involves practical application of knowledge and theory. It typically requires both coursework and development of a dissertation. A Professional Doctorate is beneficial to those who wish to deepen knowledge with a focus on practice.

A Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Master by Research is a postgraduate research qualification, which take 1.5–2 years to complete. It involves the development of a thesis (usually approximately 40,000 words) that demonstrates the candidates capacity for critical analysis and specialist knowledge.



### **Who is eligible to apply for research scholarships?**

Research scholarships are reserved for applicants who teach and/or undertake research at PNG higher education and research institutions. Please note, administrators and managers at institutions who do not hold teaching and research positions are not eligible to apply for research scholarships.

Applicants from government institutions must comply with the Government of PNG training bid process. Please refer to [www.dpm.gov.pg](http://www.dpm.gov.pg) for more information.

### **Application requirements for research scholarships**

Research applicants must provide all documents required for a standard scholarship application, and in addition:

- a letter (or email confirmation) from the proposed supervisor at the Australian institution confirming their willingness and availability to be the research supervisor
- a research proposal
- any journal articles or other publications the applicant has published (if applicable)
- two academic references

Research proposals should make clear:

- the research problem, why it is important and what will be achieved by the research
- the new knowledge your research will contribute to the discipline area
- the research methods planned and fieldwork locations
- proposed timeline for the research

### **Role of the supervisors**

The supervisor works closely with the research student. The supervisor is an expert in the specific discipline area and guides the student's research and provides support. Applicants should search for supervisors using the University's website. Applicants must contact the supervisor and confirm their agreement to be a supervisor for the research project, prior to submitting the scholarship application. Written confirmation from the proposed supervisor must be attached to your scholarship application.

### **For more information**

[www.australiaawardspng.org](http://www.australiaawardspng.org)

### **Australia Awards–PNG Information Resource Centre**

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**Applications close 30 April 2019**