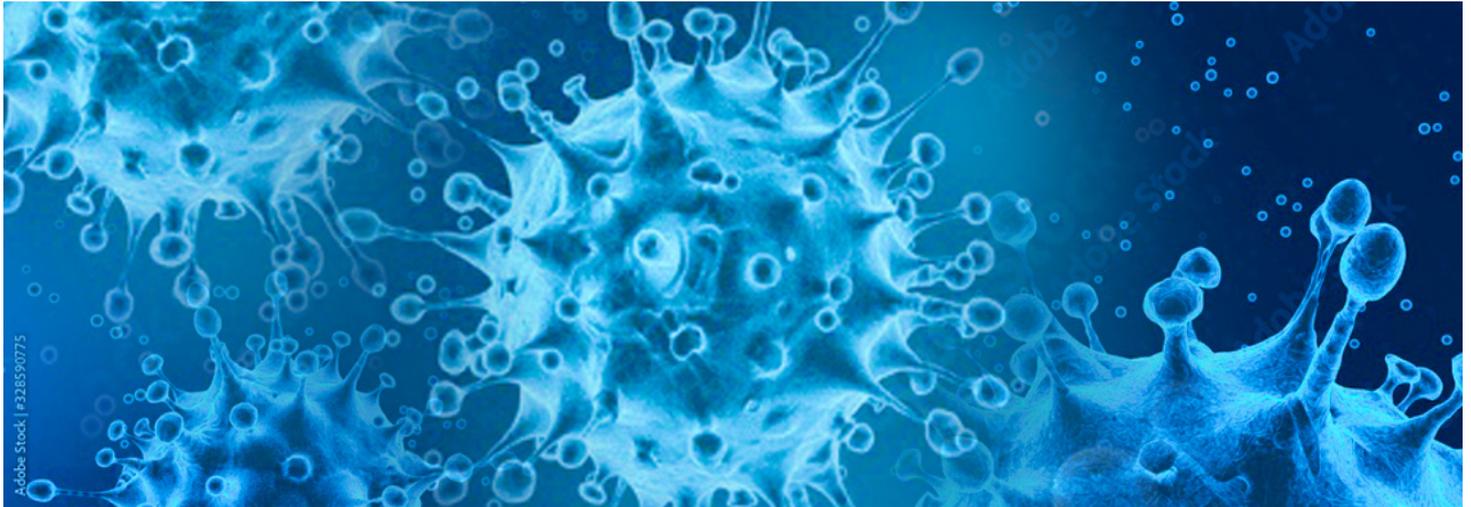




Australia Awards

Australia Awards PNG Short Course Awards

Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Disease & Infection Control)



Australia Awards PNG will deliver a Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Disease & Infection Control) short course to participants employed in the health sector in Papua New Guinea, including health research and policy roles.

This course will provide participants with an increased understanding of diseases and infection control measures in a variety of health contexts including rural and remote locations. It will support the development of increased technical skills for successful infection control and management including responding to COVID-19 challenges.

The course will target those in positions of responsibility to increase knowledge and skills with the aim of providing both individuals and institutions with increased capacity to identify, respond to, and manage disease and infection.

Course participants will be drawn from the National Department of Health, Provincial Health Authorities, Hospitals, Medical Facilities, Health Laboratories, Medical Research Institutes, NGOs, and other health delivery organisations.

Applicants from the public sector must complete the Australia Awards PNG application form for Government of Papua New Guinea applicants and have the endorsement of the head of their department, agency or administration.

Public sector applicants are also required to complete the Training Bid Form and submit this to the Department of Personnel Management through their Human Resource/Training division.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the course, it is proposed that graduates will possess a demonstrated understanding of:

- a variety of diseases and infections
- the epidemiology of infectious diseases in national and international populations, including surveillance systems for control and prevention
- how leadership and management skills can be applied to create transformative change in healthcare
- the various approaches, policies and mechanisms used for infection control
- the development and implementation of government policies and regulatory frameworks used to address disease and infection control in the community
- research and analysis techniques related to disease and infection control

- developing and implementing communication strategies to inform and ensure infection control
- theoretical application to practice by completion and implementation of a work-based project.



To apply for this short course, you must:

- have a bachelor's degree or equivalent in nursing, allied health or science disciplines and up to three years' work experience in the health sector
- be currently employed and have the application supported by your manager and the Head of the organisation
- have a minimum academic English proficiency of IELTS 6.5 (shortlisted applicants may be required to undertake a test facilitated by Australia Awards)
- have a commitment to prepare and implement a workplace project
- engage actively and foster networks with multiple stakeholders, including in Australia and disseminate learning from the course with students, colleagues and peers.

Course Delivery

The expected course delivery dates are as follows:

- **Pre-course workshop**
One week, in PNG
August 2022
- **Block 1**
Three weeks, in PNG
August/September 2022
- **Block 2**
Three weeks, in PNG
October/November 2022
- **Block 3**
Six weeks, PNG/Australia
February/March 2023
- **Post-course workshop**
One week, in PNG
December 2023

This is a fully funded scholarship. All course fees, travel, accommodation and per diems will be provided by Australia Awards PNG. Given the current COVID-19 environment and accompanying travel restrictions, the course may be delivered entirely in PNG using a mix of remote online learning methods and attendance at the course workshops. It is expected that participants will undertake online study between course delivery.

In accordance with GoPNG efforts to provide vaccinations, Australian funded awardees are encouraged to be vaccinated.

It is likely that travel to Australia will be possible as part of this award. Current travel regulations require all students to be fully vaccinated to enter Australia.

Australia Awards is a child-safe program. Applicants will be required to complete a police check and provide character and professional references.

Persons with disability are encouraged to apply.

Australia Awards is committed to the Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) policies of the Government of Papua New Guinea and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Applications

Please visit our website at www.australiaawardspng.org

Send the completed application form with your CV and supporting documents to: dicontrol@australiaawardspng.org

Note:

Applications will be assessed by an independent selection panel and selections will be based on merit. If you are offered a scholarship, you must sign a contract and will be bound by the scholarship conditions.

**Applications close:
5:00pm on Friday, 22 April 2022**

To find out more visit:
www.australiaawardspng.org