

Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships Application Form for Intake 2023

Postgraduate Diploma in Education (STEM)

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Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships provide training in priority areas identified by the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia, delivered through selected partner institutions in Papua New Guinea. Postgraduate Diploma in Secondary Education (Science, Technology, Education and Mathematics - STEM) scholars and graduates contribute to quality secondary school education across PNG, including in rural and remote communities.

Important: Please read all information carefully before completing your application.

This application form is for study in PNG only (not Australia). You must complete your application in English.

The scholarship is available only for study at the University of Goroka (UOG).

Eligibility requirements

You must meet the following requirements to be considered for a scholarship:

- be a non-school leaver (i.e. not be applying directly after completing secondary school)
- meet the conditions of entry for the institution
- be a citizen of PNG and residing in PNG at the time of application
- not have been convicted of a criminal offence
- not have been terminated from a previous Australia Awards scholarship for misconduct.
- completed an undergraduate degree program in the field of science or mathematics between 2017 and 2021 (see next page)
- achieved a minimum GPA of 2.6
- demonstrate a commitment to working as a secondary school teacher in STEM in PNG, including in rural and remote areas.

Required supporting documents

You must submit the following documents with your application:

- One recent passport size ID photo with your name and signature on the back of the photo (scanned/electronic copy is acceptable)
- Certified copy of your undergraduate transcript
- Certified copy of your academic certificate
- Certified copy of **one** of the following: your passport bio page or NID card or birth certificate or photo ID such as driver license, school ID card or staff ID card
- A letter of reference from a community leader (e.g. university lecturer, pastor, village chief or employer).

Successful applications

If you are offered a scholarship, you will need to:

- sign a contract and be bound by the scholarship conditions
- be accepted for full-time into study at the institution identified in your scholarship offer for the duration of the award
- if necessary, live on-campus unaccompanied (no family)
- meet all other conditions of a scholarship award

Please note: The University of Goroka will not admit new students if they are pregnant or nursing an infant of less than 12 months of age.

Fraudulent documents and false statements

The Australian Government takes a zero-tolerance approach to fraud. All application documents will be verified and if found fraudulent, applicants will be excluded from consideration for this scholarship and any future Australia Awards. If application fraud is detected after a scholarship is awarded, the scholarship will be immediately terminated.

**Applications close at 5pm
on Monday 8 August 2022**

**THIS APPLICATION FORM IS
NOT FOR SALE**



***Eligible Undergraduate Fields of Study:**

Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Geology/Earth Science, Mathematics, Computer Science, Engineering and Agriculture

Application Submission Instructions

This application form can be completed electronically as a PDF, but you can only save the completed (or partially completed) application if your computer has Adobe Acrobat DC or the latest version of Adobe.

Otherwise, you can print off the application form and complete it by hand or complete the application form electronically in one session and print the application before closing.

You may submit the application using any of the methods below:

1. **Online Submission:** You can submit your application online. Please visit the website and look for online application under In-Country, Postgraduate Diploma in Education. The online application system will be unavailable after the closing date
2. **By email.** Complete the application form and submit it electronically together with your supporting documents by email to pgeducation@australiaawardspng.org no later than 5 pm, July 8, 2022
3. **By post:** You can send direct mail or courier your application to the Australia Awards address: *Australia Awards PNG, Private Mail Bag, 121, Port Moresby, NCD*. Application envelopes that are date stamped after the closing date or received 14 days after the closing date will not be considered eligible.
4. **In person:** You may also submit your application directly to the Australia Awards PNG office located at Westpac Bank Waigani, Level 2 before the closing date.

For more information:

Contact the Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships team

Email: incountry@australiaawardspng.org

Telephone: 3211 766 or 7373 3800

Website link: www.australiaawardspng.org/study-in-png/teaching

Contact the University of Goroka directly for entry and course requirements:

Mr Pascalis Mape

Director of Student Administration

University of Goroka School of Education

Telephone: 531 1735 or 7070 6043

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PART 1: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS	
Please mark Yes or No for each question False or misleading answers will exclude your application from further consideration	
1.1. Are you a PNG Citizen?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> – You are not eligible. Do not proceed
1.2. Are you currently a dual Australian citizen or have you applied for Australian citizenship or permanent residency?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> – You are not eligible Do not proceed	No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.3. Have you already achieved an undergraduate bachelor degree in an *eligible field of study between 2017 and 2021 and achieved a minimum (cumulative) GPA 2.6?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> – You are not eligible. Do not proceed
1.4. Have you previously received an Australia Award and have had the scholarship terminated due to misconduct?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> – You are not eligible Do not proceed	No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.5. Have you been <u>convicted</u> of a criminal offence, been found guilty or liable in civil proceedings or internal investigations or are you currently involved in a legal action or police charge?	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes please provide brief details below (AAPNG will seek further information from you if required).	
1.6. Do you have a personal connection (family or friendship) with anyone at Australia Awards PNG, or University of Goroka?	
Australia Awards PNG	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
University of Goroka	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
No connections	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>(You are still eligible for consideration if you do have a personal connection, but it is important that this connection is known for transparency purposes.)</i>	
If yes, the name of the person:	

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PART 2: PERSONAL & CONTACT DETAILS Please complete all sections. Fields marked with asterisks (*) are mandatory.			
First Name*		ID photo	
Last Name*			
Gender*	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		
Date of Birth*			
Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> De facto <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced/Widowed		
Do you consider yourself a person with a Disability? *	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Not Sure		
<p>People with disabilities who meet eligibility criteria are strongly encouraged to apply for a scholarship and will be assessed on the merit of their application. If awarded a scholarship an assessment will be undertaken to identify if additional support is required to overcome barriers to accessing education.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Australia Awards PNG. You can find out more about the Australian Government's disability inclusive development strategy at http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/development-issues/disability-inclusive-development/Pages/disability-inclusive-development.aspx</p> <p><i>If yes, please select the type of disability by ticking the box and provide further details below*</i></p>			
Physical impairment, including a permanent injury	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hearing impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visual impairment (which cannot be addressed by prescription glasses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brain injury	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaking impairment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Psychological illness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (specify)			
Please provide further details			
Home Province*			
Home District*			
Residential Address (where you are currently living). <i>This information will help AAPNG to make appropriate logistics arrangements</i>			
Province*			
District*			
Village/LLG*			
Complete Postal Address* (PO Box, Town/City, Province, Post Code): <i>If you do not have a postal address, ask permission from your local church to use their postal address.</i>			

Contact information	
<i>We must be able to contact you on the numbers provided below for us to communicate the outcome or progress of your application</i>	
Mobile number*:	
Alternative mobile number*: <i>Please provide the name of the person who owns this phone and your relationship to them</i>	
Email address*: <i>Please provide up to two email addresses</i>	
Emergency contact details	
<i>Please nominate a person we can contact in case of emergency</i>	
Name of emergency contact person:	
Relationship to you:	
Contact number:	
Email address:	
Residential address: <i>(Not postal address)</i>	
PART 3: EDUCATION BACKGROUND	
<i>Please provide details of the highest level of study you have completed</i>	
Name of institution*:	
Highest level of study* achieved (please tick):	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor <input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate
Course name (Science Major)*:	
Year completed or graduated*:	

PART 4: ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Answer ALL questions. These questions will be used to assess your application. Please provide your best answers. You MUST answer within the specified word count.

Q1: Describe how you achieved a long-term goal or a particular skill (for example, an education qualification, achievement in sport, learning a skill such as playing a musical instrument, a handicraft etc.). What was your goal? What challenges did you face in your journey towards your goal? How did you overcome these challenges?

This question aims to assess your determination, your ability to prioritise and to make use of your available resources. The goal may be a personal goal or a goal within your community.

(300 words)

Q2: After graduation, what subjects/levels do you hope to teach? Explain why these subjects are important to you, and how they will support your future students to make a meaningful contribution to the development of PNG?

This question aims to assess your understanding of interest in and commitment to teaching any of the STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering) related subjects and their importance to the overall development of PNG.

(300 words)

Q3: Describe a time when you have made a mistake or failed to do something that you were required to do. Discuss ONE example and provide specific details on the following:

- What was the situation, why was it a mistake?
- What did you do about it and what was the result/outcome?
- What did you learn from this experience and what would you do differently in future?

This question aims to assess your ability to reflect on your skills and experiences, analyse the situation, problems and identify solutions and strategies to respond appropriately.

(300 words)

Q4: After graduation, how will you continue to develop your professional skills and knowledge of your specialist subject and keep up to date with changes in these areas? How will your ongoing learning support your students?

This question aims to assess your understanding, interest, and commitment to teaching and ongoing professional development and how this will help to improve the quality of secondary mathematics and science teaching in PNG.

(300 words)

PART 6: DECLARATION AND SUBMISSION**Declaration and acknowledgement**

I declare, in submitting this application form, that the information contained in and provided with it is true and correct. I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* of the Commonwealth of Australia and PNG.

I understand that all documents will be verified with the Government of PNG and discovery of fraudulent documents will exclude me from consideration for this scholarship and any future Australian scholarships.

If fraud is discovered after a scholarship is awarded, I understand that the scholarship will be immediately terminated.

Full Name:**Signature:****Date:**

If the form is completed and submitted electronically, a signature is not required. Type "by email" in the signature box

Submission Checklist

Please tick if you have completed or attached the following documents in support of your application:

	Yes	No
Certified copy of most recent academic certificate(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copy of your most recent academic transcript(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of reference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copy of your passport bio page or NID card or birth certificate or photo ID such as driver's licence or School ID card or Employment ID card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Information about certified documents

If you submit an application that does not include all supporting certified documents or does not meet all submission requirements, then your application will be considered non-compliant and will be disqualified. Certified true copies of the original documents must clearly indicate '*This is a true photocopy of the original document*', must have a Commissioner of Oaths stamp and signature, and be dated 2022.

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