

# Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships Application Form for Intake 2024

## 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 2018 and 2022 (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 Friday 30 June 2023**

**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 [pgdeducation@australiaawardspng.org](mailto:pgdeducation@australiaawardspng.org) no later than 5 pm, June 30, 2023.
3. **By post:** You can send direct mail or courier your application to the Australia Awards mailing address provided below. 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 University of Goroka, but you MUST call the Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships team immediately to register that you have submitted your application. You may also submit your application directly to the Australia Awards PNG Office located at Westpac Commercial Centre, Waigani, Level 2.

### For more information:

Contact the Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships team

**Email:** [incountry@australiaawardspng.org](mailto:incountry@australiaawardspng.org)

**Telephone:** 3211 766 or 7373 3800

**Website link:** [www.australiaawardspng.org/study-in-png/teaching](http://www.australiaawardspng.org/study-in-png/teaching)

**Mailing Address:** Australia Awards PNG,  
Private Bag  
Port Moresby, 121 NCD

### 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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The University of Goroka**

**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

No  – 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  – You are not eligible  
Do not proceed

No

**1.3. Have you already achieved an undergraduate bachelor degree in an \* eligible field of study between 2018 and 2022 and achieved a minimum (cumulative) GPA 2.6?**

Yes

No  – 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  – You are not eligible  
Do not proceed

No

**1.5. Have you been convicted 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

No

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

NO

University of Goroka      YES

NO

No connections      YES

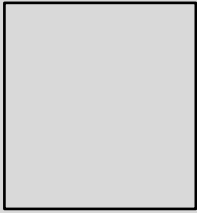
NO

*(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.)*

If you do have a connection, please provide the name of the person:

## PART 2. PERSONAL DETAILS

Please complete all sections. Fields marked with asterisks (\*) are required.

<b>First name*:</b>		<b>ID Photo</b> 
<b>Surname/family name*:</b>		
<b>Date of Birth* (day/month/year):</b>		
<b>Gender*:</b>	Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Home Province*:</b>		Please attach a current ID size photo. This will be used for identification purposes only. If submitted by email an electronic or scanned photo is acceptable as a separate attachment.
<b>Home District*:</b>		
<b>Residential address (where you currently live):</b>		
<b>Residential Suburb/village:</b>		
<b>Province*:</b>		
<b>District*:</b>		
<b>LLG*:</b>		
<b>Complete Postal Address* (PO Box, Town/City, Province, Post Code):</b> <i>If you do not have a postal address, ask permission of your local church to use their postal address, otherwise write NONE</i>		
<b>Marital Status:</b>	Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> De facto <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Contact information</b> <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>		
<b>Mobile number*:</b>		
<b>Alternative mobile number*:</b> <i>Please provide the name of the person who owns this phone and your relationship with them</i>		
<b>Email address*:</b> <i>Please provide up to two email addresses</i>		

## Disability Information

Please complete the following questions regarding disability support

**Do you consider yourself a person living with a Disability? \***

Yes  No  Not Sure

People with disabilities who met 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.

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>

***If your checked Yes above, , please answer the following questions by marking X in the relevant response:***

<b>1. Vision</b> Do you have difficulty seeing, even if wearing glasses?	No difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Some difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	A lot of difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Cannot do at all <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. Hearing</b> Do you have difficulty hearing, even if using a hearing aid?	No difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Some difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	A lot of difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Cannot do at all <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Mobility</b> Do you have difficulty walking or climbing steps?	No difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Some difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	A lot of difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Cannot do at all <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Cognition</b> Do you have difficulty remembering or concentrating?	No difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Some difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	A lot of difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Cannot do at all <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. Self-care</b> Do you have difficulty with self-care such as washing all over or dressing?	No difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Some difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	A lot of difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Cannot do at all <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6. Communication</b> Using your usual (customary) language, do you have difficulty communicating, for example understanding or being understood?	No difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Some difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	A lot of difficulty <input type="checkbox"/>	Cannot do at all <input type="checkbox"/>
Others (specify)				

Please provide further details for any areas where you have indicated you have a level of difficulty.

**Emergency contact details**

Please nominate a person we can contact in case of emergency

<b>Name of emergency contact person:</b>	
<b>Relationship to you:</b>	
<b>Contact number:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	
<b>Residential address:</b> <i>(Not postal address)</i>	

**PART 3: EDUCATION BACKGROUND**

Please provide details of the highest level of study you have completed

<b>Name of institution*:</b>	
<b>Highest level of study* achieved (please tick):</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor <input type="checkbox"/> Postgraduate (Masters)
<b>Course name (Science Major)*:</b>	Biology <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry <input type="checkbox"/> Physics <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering (all fields) <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics & Computer Science <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Science (all fields) <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Year completed or graduated*</b>	

#### PART 4: ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Answer ALL questions and ALL aspects of each question. 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.).

Your response should include a description of your goal, the challenges you faced in your journey towards your goal, and how you overcome any challenges. Please ensure you address **all three** aspects of this question in your response.

*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:** Please describe why you chose education as a career path.

In your response, please outline what subjects/levels you hope to teach after graduation, why you think these subjects are important, and how they will support future secondary students to make a meaningful contribution to the development of PNG.

Please ensure your response addresses **all aspects** of the question.

*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:** Please tell us about a mistake you have made during the past few years.

In your response, please describe the situation and what the mistake was, what you learnt from this experience and what you would do differently in the future.

Please ensure your response answers **all parts** of the question.

*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 subjects 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.

<b>Full Name:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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If the form is completed and submitted electronically, a signature is not required. Type "by email" in the signature box

<b>Submission Checklist</b> Please tick if you have completed or attached the following documents in support of your application:	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Certified copy of <b>most recent</b> academic certificate(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copy of your <b>most recent</b> 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"/>
<b>Information about certified documents</b> 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 ' <i>This is a true photocopy of the original document</i> ', must have a Commissioner of Oaths stamp and signature, and be dated 2022 or 2023.		

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