

Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships Application Form for Intake 2024

Bachelor of Midwifery

Midwifery Scholarships for 2024

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.

Midwifery scholars and graduates contribute to quality maternal and neonatal health outcomes across PNG.

Important: Please read carefully before completing your application

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

The scholarship is available for study at:

- St Mary's School of Nursing (women only)
- Lutheran School of Nursing
- University of Goroka
- Pacific Adventist University
- University of Papua New Guinea

Eligibility Requirements

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

- meet the conditions of entry for your preferred institution(s)
- 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
- hold a PNG nursing qualification (Diploma or above)
- have two years' minimum recent employment as a practicing nurse
- be fully registered with the PNG Nursing Council
- if employed in an NGO facility, have endorsement from your employer for leave with or without pay
- if you are a permanent employee of a Government of PNG health service, you must have employer approval via the training committee process in accordance with PNG National Public Service General Order Training.

Required supporting documents

- 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 Nursing qualification
- Certified copy of your Nursing academic transcript
- Certified copy of your passport bio page or NID card or birth certificate or photo ID such as driver's license, school ID card, or Staff ID card
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) using template provided
- Letter of endorsement from your employer (if you are permanently employed). **See footnote.**

Successful applications

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

- sign a contract and be bound by the scholarship conditions
- be accepted 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 the scholarship Award.

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.

**THIS APPLICATION FORM IS
NOT FOR SALE**

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 7 July 2023

Footnote - Endorsement should come from an appropriate senior officer with the authority to grant you leave from your post to undertake the scholarship. If you are a permanent employee of a Government of PNG facility, your endorsement must come via your organisation's training committee process and be signed off by a senior officer in charge of human resources (endorsement will be verified during eligibility checks). Nurses employed on a temporary or casual basis do not require endorsement, however it is strongly recommended.



Application Submission Instructions

This application form can be completed electronically as a PDF. You can print 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 your application using any of the methods below:

- Online Submission:** You can submit your application online. Please visit the website and look for online applications under In-Country, Midwifery Scholarships. The online application system will be unavailable after the closing date
- By email:** You attach the application form (completed electronically or by hand) as a PDF email attachment (renamed with your name). Email your application to:
midwifery@australiaawardspng.org
- 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.
- In person:** 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

Telephone: 3211 766 or 7373 3800

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

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

Contact your preferred institution directly for entry and course requirements:

Institution	Contact Person	Telephone	Email
Pacific Adventist University	Ms Martina Makarai, Assistant Registrar	328 0200 or 328 0439	Martina.Makarai@pau.ac.pg
Lutheran School of Nursing	Mrs Esther Suaimbau, Registrar	422 2130 or 422 1954	esuaimbau@gmail.com
St Mary's School of Nursing	Mrs Mary Ponahai, Principal	982 8429 or 7166 1562	mponahai@gmail.com
	Mrs Francisca Bevi, Midwifery Program Coordinator	982 8429 or 70708705	frankibevi@gmail.com
University of Goroka	Ms Clerah Goveh, Midwifery Program Coordinator	531 1940 or 79068560	cgoveh@gmail.com
University of Papua New Guinea	Ms Lilian Temo, Midwifery Program Coordinator	311 2626	liliantemo@gmail.com

IMPORTANT!

You MUST also apply for admission directly with your preferred institution(s)

Institution Admission Requirements

Requirement	Pacific Adventist University	Lutheran School of Nursing	DWU St Mary's School of Nursing	University of Goroka	University of Papua New Guinea
Expected date of commencement – Intake 2024	February 2024	February 2024	February 2024	February 2024	February 2024
Expected date of completion – Intake 2024	July 2025	July 2025	July 2025	June 2025	July 2024
Minimum current qualification required	Diploma in General Nursing or Bachelor Degree in Nursing	Diploma in General Nursing	Diploma in General Nursing	Diploma in General Nursing	Diploma in General Nursing
Minimum number of years nursing experience at commencement of academic year	2 years with at least 6 months in the areas of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	2 years with at least 6 months in the areas of Obstetrics and Gynaecology	2 years	2 years	2 years in Reproductive Health
Health Check before commencement	Is included in PAU Application Form for Medical Check by Medical Doctor. A Form Supplied with PAU App Form.	Medical examination is required and must be done a by Medical Doctor.	Medical examination by Medical Doctor on Institution's medical examination form.	Medical Examination Forms are included in the acceptance letter from UOG.	Reproductive Health
Pregnancy policy	A provisional awardee cannot commence their study if they are pregnant. Subject to approval by both the AAPNG and the training institution, a 12-month deferral of commencement of study can be considered. Provisional awardees MUST declare their pregnancy prior to mobilizing to their training institution.				
Infants' policy	A student to advise PAU of children less than 5 years old. Limited family accommodation is available.	An infant must be two years old before mother comes for studies. Mothers must come to college unaccompanied.	An infant be must two years old before mother comes for studies. Mothers must come to college unaccompanied.	The university cannot accommodate awardees who are nursing young infants.	Students with infants must declare they have infants and are unable to reside on campus. They can reside outside and attend classes.
Living Off Campus policy	Permitted but cost of living is not covered by the college.	All midwifery students are expected to live on- campus.	Permitted but cost of living is not covered by the college (only for local students with infants).	All midwifery students are expected to live on- campus.	Only those who are with infants, but costs of living are not covered by the college.
Student participation in campus upkeep	Compulsory: 8 hours per week, includes gardening, cleaning, clinic on call, IT, media and Dining hall (cafeteria).	Compulsory 1 hour on Wednesday 3-4pm and Saturday - dorms and classrooms and school boundary. Compulsory 25 minutes morning devotion 7:30-7:45 am (Mon-Fri).	7am-10am Saturday home cleaning in dorms & classroom. Daily morning charges & morning devotions.	Students are rostered to keep their own rooms and dormitories clean.	Students ensure their dormitory is cleaned, work cooperatively to complete a daily schedule.
Application Endorsement	Application must be endorsed by the employer.	Application must be endorsed by the employer and consent letter from spouse if married.	Spouse consent form to be sign by spouse and Student consent form to be signed by student.	Minimum GPA 2.5 Copy of Nursing Registration Certificate and current registration status.	Spouses and children are not allowed in the midwifery dormitory.
Other requirements	Copies of Nursing Registration certificate and current registration status	Original copies of certificates and Nursing license and transcripts will be sighted upon registration.	Copies of original nursing certificate and Nursing license to be sighted upon registration as well as the transcript.	Upon registration - Original grade 12 certificates, Nursing Registration certificates will be verified.	Students are allowed to do weekend and Public Holiday shifts to add hours to practical if they wish to.
Other requirements		Minimum nursing qualification GPA of 2.5.	Open to women only (until male accommodation becomes available).	Both genders are encouraged to apply and make sure they apply to UOG as well if interested to study.	Students must have a recommendation from immediate supervisors.

PART 1: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Please mark Yes or No for each question
False or misleading answers will exclude your application from consideration

1.1 Are you a citizen of PNG?

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 completed a PNG nursing qualification at Diploma, Bachelor, or Postgraduate level?

Yes

No You are not eligible. Do not proceed

1.4 Are you a fully registered nurse with PNG Nursing Council?

Yes No

1.5 Is your nursing registration/license to practice renewed or active?

Yes No

1.6 If you are registered but without a current practicing license will you commit to updating your license before you graduate (including payment of all fees required by the PNG Nursing Council).

Yes

No You are not eligible. Do not proceed

1.7 Have you been employed or worked as a general nurse for more than two years in the past three years?

Yes

No You are not eligible. Do not proceed

1.8 Have you been **convicted** of a criminal offence, been found guilty or liable in civil proceedings 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).

1.9 Have you previously received an Australia Awards scholarship and had the scholarship terminated due to misconduct?

Yes

You are not eligible. Do not proceed

No

1.10 Do you have a personal connection (family or friendship) with anyone at Australia Awards PNG, or with the nursing school or medical science faculty where you are applying to study?

AAPNG

School/faculty

No connections

(You are still eligible for consideration if you have a personal connection, but it is important that this connection is declared)

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

PART 2: PERSONAL & CONTACT DETAILS

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

First Name*				
Last Name*				
Gender*	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Male <input type="checkbox"/>		
Date of Birth*				
Marital Status	Married <input type="checkbox"/>	Single <input type="checkbox"/>	De-Facto <input type="checkbox"/>	Separated <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you consider yourself a person living with a Disability? *	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Sure <input type="checkbox"/>	

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 you checked Yes above, please answer the following questions with "X" in the relevant responses:

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

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

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Home Province*	
Home District*	
Residential Address (where you are currently living). <i>This information will help AAPNG to make appropriate logistics arrangements</i>	
Residential 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. if you have no postal address, write NONE</i>	

Contact information
We must be able to contact you on the numbers provided below for us to communicate the outcome or progress of your application

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 at up to two email addresses</i>	1.
	2.

Emergency contact details
Please nominate a person we can contact in case of emergency

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

PART 3: EDUCATION BACKGROUND

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

Name of institution*:	
Level of qualification achieved (please tick) *:	Diploma in General Nursing <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor of Nursing <input type="checkbox"/>
Year completed or graduated*	

PART 4: INSTITUTION PREFERENCES

Please select up to two colleges where you prefer to study. Indicate your 1st and 2nd Choices. You may be offered a scholarship at any of the colleges you choose.

Nominating one institution may reduce your likelihood of receiving a scholarship.

First Choice Institution (mark one)	Second Choice Institution (mark one)
Pacific Adventist University <input type="checkbox"/>	Pacific Adventist University <input type="checkbox"/>
St Mary School of Nursing (women only) <input type="checkbox"/>	St Mary School of Nursing (women only) <input type="checkbox"/>
Lutheran School of Nursing <input type="checkbox"/>	Lutheran School of Nursing <input type="checkbox"/>
University of Goroka <input type="checkbox"/>	University of Goroka <input type="checkbox"/>
University of Papua New Guinea <input type="checkbox"/>	University of Papua New Guinea <input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Australia Awards can change your institution preference based on space availability.

PART 5: WORK EXPERIENCE AS A NURSE

Please list your most recent employers, the department worked in, and the employment period.

Please note you must also attach a copy of your most up-to-date CV.

1. Current Employer/Organisation	
Department /Division	
Year commenced	
Sector of Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector <input type="checkbox"/> Private Practice <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-Base (NGO)
2. Previous Employer/Organisation	
Department /Division	
Years of employment	
3. Previous Employer/Organisation	
Department /Division	
Years of employment	

PART 6: ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION 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: After graduation, how will your work as a midwife contribute to the improvement of maternal and child health in your community and country?

In your response, please outline how you will continue to develop your professional skills and knowledge of midwifery to achieve this. Please ensure your response addresses **all aspects** of the question. **(300 words)**

This question aims to assess your understanding, interest and commitment to skills development and ongoing professional development in your midwifery career and how this will help to improve the quality of maternal health care in PNG.

Q2: Use the STAR method to answer this question. Read the Situation provided and use the guiding questions to describe the Task, the Action, and the Result. **(300 words)**

Situation: You are on duty in a ward in a General Hospital. The ward is crowded, busy and noisy. Many of the patients and family members are asking questions and demanding your attention. There are no spare beds. Two emergency cases arrive requiring your immediate assistance.

Task: Describe your role and responsibility in this situation.

Action: Explain the following in your response - How did you address this situation? What did you do? How did you remain focused?

Result: Explain how your actions contributed to the outcomes in the ward. What did you learn from this experience? What could you do differently next time?

This question aims to assess your problem-solving and reflection skills, critical thinking and demonstrate how you will apply your skills in a professional setting.

Q3: Please outline the academic and personal challenges you expect to face while studying as a scholarship awardee **and** identify strategies you could use to help you overcome these challenges.

Please ensure you answer **both parts** of this question.

(300 words)

This question aims to assess your ability to reflect on your skills and experiences, analyse the situation, problems and identify solutions and strategies to successfully complete your course program of study.

Q4: Describe a single policy, process, procedure, activity, or perception that you will be able to improve or change using your midwifery qualification. In your response, explain what impact this improvement or change will have for your patients, workplace, or community.

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

(300 words)

This question asks you to reflect on a problem in your field and to identify any action or strategies that will contribute to change. It also asks you to think critically about the way change can take place.

PART 7: COMPUTER LITERACY SURVEY

This section is compulsory for Australia Awards PNG's information and planning purposes.

Your answers will NOT affect your application

Select the options that best match your computer literacy skills.

Q1. How often do you use a computer?	Ans	Q7. How often do you use Microsoft Word?	Ans
i. Every day	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxvi. Every day	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. More than once a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxvii. More than once a week	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. More than once a fortnight	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxviii. More than once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv. More than once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxix. Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/>
v. Never used a computer	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxx. Never used MS Excel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q2. Do you have an email account?		Q8. Which of the skills below best describe your MS Word skills	
vi. Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxxi. Write a basic document with one Font	<input type="checkbox"/>
vii. No	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxxii. Write document, insert a page number, footer/header	<input type="checkbox"/>
If your answer to Q2 is "No" skip Q3 and Q4		xxxiii. Insert tables, images	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q3. How often do you use/access email?		xxxiv. Write comprehensive documents with a range of formatting options	<input type="checkbox"/>
viii. Every day	<input type="checkbox"/>	Q9. Do you access the Internet?	<input type="checkbox"/>
ix. More than once a week	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxxv. Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
x. More than once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxxvi. No	<input type="checkbox"/>
xi. Never used email	<input type="checkbox"/>	Q10. How often do you access the Internet?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q4. Which of the following are you able to do? You can choose more than one		xxvii. Every day	<input type="checkbox"/>
xii. Compose and send a new email	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxxviii. More than once a week	<input type="checkbox"/>
xiii. Send an email with attachments	<input type="checkbox"/>	xxxix. More than once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>
xiv. Download attachments	<input type="checkbox"/>	xl. Occasionally	<input type="checkbox"/>
xv. Forward email	<input type="checkbox"/>	xli. Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>
xvi. Reply to email	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Q5. How often do you use Microsoft Excel?		End of Survey	
xvii. Every day	<input type="checkbox"/>		
xviii. More than once a week	<input type="checkbox"/>		
xix. More than once a month	<input type="checkbox"/>		
xx. Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/>		
xxi. Never used MS Excel	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Q6. Which of the skills below best describe your MS Excel skills? You can choose more than one.			
xxii. Perform basic entries	<input type="checkbox"/>		
xxiii. Insert graphs/images	<input type="checkbox"/>		
xxiv. Format cells and tables	<input type="checkbox"/>		
xxv. Perform calculations	<input type="checkbox"/>		

PART 9. DECLARATION & SUBMISSION

Declaration and acknowledgment

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.

I understand that all documents will be verified with the Government of PNG and the 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 you completed and submitted it electronically, type "by email" in the signature box

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Complete this checklist to ensure you have all the required documents

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

Most up to date copy of your CV detailing all your work experiences	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copy of the most recent nursing academic certificate(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copy of your most recent nursing academic transcript(s)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copy of your current nursing registration and your current licence to practice as a nurse	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of endorsement from your current employer	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Certified copy of your passport bio page and/or NID card or birth certificate of photo ID such as driver's licence or School ID card or Employment ID card	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
I understand I must also apply for admission directly to both of my preferred institutions.	Yes <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 2022/20.