



# 2024 Public Sector Leadership Scholarship Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy

## Australia Awards Applications open now

Applications are now open for Public Sector Leadership Scholarships to study the one-year Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy (GDEPP), leading to Master of Economic and Public Policy (MEPP) program, at the University of Papua New Guinea's School of Business and Public Policy (UPNGSBPP), commencing in February 2024.

Public Sector Leadership Scholarships are offered through Australia Awards PNG to high-performing Papua New Guinean public servants who wish to develop their academic and professional skills in support of effective policy making and national development.

### What does the course involve?

The Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy equips professionals with the knowledge and ability to create and implement effective policy in the national interest. It provides an academic platform for students to boost and apply their skills in economic and public policy analysis. More information is available at:

<https://www.upng.ac.pg/index.php/sbpp-programs-courses/postgraduate-programs>

### Who can apply?

Public Sector Leadership Scholarships are open to Papua New Guinean public servants (Grade 14 and above) who are employed under the Public Service General Order. Applicants must be based in the National Capital District (NCD) and work in a department or statutory authority deemed eligible by the Department of Personnel Management (DPM). Study is part-time and classes are normally held after hours during Mondays to Fridays. Scholarships will be offered for studies commencing in 2024. Women and people living with disability are strongly encouraged to apply. The scholarship covers tuition fees and a contribution to ICT costs.

Scholarship awardees who successfully complete the Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy in 2024 may be considered for continued scholarship support in 2025 to study the one-year Master of Economic and Public Policy under either the course work or research pathway.

### The application process has two steps:

#### 1. Apply for admission to UPNG SBPP

Applicants should complete the 2024 Postgraduate Studies Application Form and submit it directly to UPNG by 5pm on Friday 1 September 2023 with required credentials and application fee of K250.

The application form is available at: <https://www.upng.ac.pg/index.php/sbpp-programs-courses/postgraduate-programs>

Select Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy (GDEPP)

- Select part-time study.
- Complete Section 4 (Sponsorship/Scholarships)

#### 2. Ensure scholarship eligibility requirements are met including:

- Meeting UPNG SBPP's admission requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy.
- Having an endorsement from their employing agency's Organisational Head (organisational endorsement must be available by Friday 20 October 2023).

#### Scholarship selection

UPNG will confirm applicants' admission eligibility to the course. Eligible course applicants will be invited to complete a scholarship application form, which will be assessed by a scholarship selection panel comprising representatives from the Papua New Guinean and Australian Governments as well as UPNG.

#### Note:

Public sector applicants who meet the course and DPM requirements but are not awarded the Scholarship will still be able to undertake the program as self-funded/sponsored students.

#### For more information:

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