



Solomon Islands

AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for Intakes Commencing 2010

Solomon Islands Government and Australia Strategy

Australia's partnership with the Solomon Islands reflects a commitment to ensuring aid effectiveness in a fragile state; addressing security, development, economic and political issues in an integrated, comprehensive and sequenced way. Australia is helping the Solomon Islands Government meet its most critical challenges – laying the foundations for long term stability, security and prosperity through:

- support for improved law and justice and security,
- support for more effective, accountable and democratic government,
- stronger broad-based economic growth and,
- enhanced service delivery, particularly in the health sector.

The Solomon Islands - Australia Partnership for Development identifies four priority areas to address the Solomon Islands development challenges: Improved Service Delivery; Improved Economic Livelihoods; Improved Economic Infrastructure; and Addressing Economic and Fiscal Challenges. These priority areas are aligned with the Solomon Islands Government's Medium Term Development Strategy (MTDS) and emerging policy priorities.

Type, Level and Number of Scholarships

The 2009 scholarships achieved parity between Open Equity and Public Sector scholarships, and this balance will be maintained for the 2010 intake. Twelve (12) ADS scholarships were offered in 2009. It is anticipated that similar numbers of scholarships will be available in 2010.

ADS is classified into two categories;

1. Open Equity (pre-service) – Successful seventh form or university foundation studies are an essential requirement to be eligible for the category. Application forms and scholarship information sheets are available at the Australian High Commission and at other AusAID's designated agencies.

2. Public Sector (in-service) – IELTS and a record of successful study plus endorsement of their Government Ministry or employer are an essential requirement. Application forms and scholarship information sheets are available at the National Training Unit, Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development.

The Application Process

In all cases, the application process is based on the principles of transparency and merit.

Open Equity scholarship applicants apply for scholarships directly to the AusAID Honiara Office, Australian High Commission, PO Box 589, Honiara, SOLOMON ISLANDS. Phone (677) 21561.

Public Sector scholarship applicants are classified as Public Servants and non Public Servants. Public Servants apply for scholarships directly through the Training Officer, Ministry of Public Service, P.O Box G29 Honiara, SOLOMON ISLANDS. Non-Public Servants (those in the private sector including nurses, police officers and school teachers) apply for scholarships directly through the Training Officer; Labour Division; Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Employment; P.O Box G26, Honiara, SOLOMON ISLANDS.

The Ministry of Public Service and the Ministry of Commerce shortlist Public Sector scholarships applications and submit a recommended shortlist to AusAID through the National Training Unit, Ministry of Education, PO Box G28, Honiara, SOLOMON ISLANDS.

Priority Sectors

Open Equity applications are sought from people wishing to undertake undergraduate study in the following fields:

- nursing, health related disciplines such as occupational therapy, disability studies and support
- economic public sector management;
- engineering;
- accounting, business studies, financial management;
- human resource management;
- good governance;



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- information technology;
- environmental sciences including climate change/agriculture and forestry;
- development, rural development/community development;
- law, legal services and law enforcement including forensics and criminal investigation.

Public Sector applications are sought from people wishing to undertake undergraduate and postgraduate study (excluding PhD study) in prioritised fields decided by the Solomon Islands government. Details of these prioritised fields are available from the National Training Unit (NTU), Ministry of Education in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

The primary objective of the ADS program is to contribute to the development of Solomon Islands human resources capacity. Whilst encouraging equity, selection for study in priority areas will be based on academic merit. Gender and provincial allocation will also be taken into consideration.

Public and Private Sector officers may apply for the Public Sector category. Open Equity scholarships are available for all Solomon Islanders meeting the selection criteria and restrictions outlined below.

Closing Dates for Applications

Applications for Open Equity scholarships close on 5 June 2009.

Applications for ADS Public Sector scholarships close on 5 June 2009.

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Eligibility Criteria

General eligibility criteria – Public and Open Sector

- Applicants must have citizenship of the Solomon Islands. They must not have Australian or New Zealand permanent residency status.
- Applicants should not be married or engaged to be married to a resident or holder of permanent residence status for Australia or New Zealand.
- Applicants must satisfy admission requirements to the Australian institution for which application is made. They must be unconditionally admitted to the course applied for before an offer is made.
- Applicants must apply for a new course of study and not one they have commenced.
- Applicants must apply for a postgraduate or undergraduate course of study. Applications will only be considered under exceptional circumstances when the course of study is not available in the region or in-country.
- Applicants must satisfy Australian Government requirements for international student entry.
- At time of application, applicants must not hold or have held in the previous 24 months another overseas tertiary scholarship. Applicants who have previously not completed an overseas tertiary scholarship need not apply.
- Applicants must not transfer from one overseas tertiary scholarship to another.
- Applicants must be able to take up the scholarship in the calendar year for which the scholarship is offered.
- Applicants are selected on the basis of academic merit. They must have level 3 passes in the Pacific Senior Secondary Certificate or equivalent work experience.
- Scholarship offers will demonstrate gender equity; 50 per cent of scholarships will be offered to females and 50 per cent to males. In any one year no more scholarships may be offered to male than to female nominees.
- Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age and a maximum of 45 years of age.

Country Specific Eligibility Criteria – Open Category

Details of these criteria will be available at the Australian High Commission office in Honiara when the Open Equity category is advertised for the public to submit applications.

English Language Training

If English training is needed, this will be provided in Australia as part of the ADS award.

Contact Information

For further enquiries regarding application process and other matters in relation to selection of courses and institutions, contact AusAID staff at:

Australian High Commission
PO Box 589
Honiara
Tel: 21561 ext 265 or 278