

**Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research**  
**Pacific Agriculture Scholarship Support Program**  
**College of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF), Fiji National University (FNU)**  
**Masters by Research or Master of Science in Agriculture Scholarships - 2021**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified nationals of the ACIAR partner countries (Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu) for Scholarships to undertake a Master's Degree at the College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Fiji National University (FNU). These scholarships are tenable from Semester 1 2021. Up to 3 scholarships will be shortlisted for the 2021 intake.

The ACIAR Pacific Agriculture Scholarship Support Program aligns to Pillar 3 of ACIAR's Ten Year Strategy 2018-2027 "Building Scientific and Policy capacity in Australia and Indo-Pacific region" The new program identifies target research priority areas which are based on ACIAR's 2019 consultations with Pacific Island Countries.

1. Soil fertility, and integrated management of water resources and waste water;
2. Aquaculture and horticulture products for improved nutrition;
3. Agribusiness, including post-harvest management and food processing;
4. Gender equity and women's engagement in Pacific agriculture;
5. Coconut-based systems for economic, social and environmental resilience;
6. Forestry and agroforestry as contributors to agricultural practices which address climate change for sustainable livelihoods;

7. 'One Health' approaches (integrating human, animal and environment health) and biosecurity (for crop, livestock and environmental health). Includes crop and plant protection and animal health.

Beginning from Semester 1, 2021 research will be in association with an active ACIAR project under way in the Pacific or an ACIAR collaborative research partnership or a research priority area for ACIAR. With the scheme aligning to ACIAR's Gender Equity Policy and Strategy and the Principles of Social Inclusion, women are strongly encouraged to apply. In line with ACIAR's Gender Strategy women will make up no less than half the candidates selected.

#### **SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS**

Scholarships will be awarded on an 18-month basis for Masters' students. Tuition is paid directly for the relevant program of study. Allowances are: books (currently FJD 750); living allowance (currently FJD 21,450 unaccompanied, and FJD 32,472 accompanied by qualifying family members, per year) and establishment allowance (currently FJD 1,900, as a one-off payment, if applicable).

**Due to travel restrictions imposed by the global pandemic, only individuals currently residing in Fiji are eligible to**

**apply for the Masters by Research or Coursework/Master's thesis research 2021 intake.**

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

For further information about the ACIAR Pacific Agriculture Scholarship Support Program, list of potential research topics and current active ACIAR projects in the Pacific region (with contact persons for the development of research proposals) and to obtain an application form please contact International Relations Office ([ipc@fnu.ac.fj](mailto:ipc@fnu.ac.fj)) or visit the link to ACIAR

<https://aciarc.gov.au/scholarships/aciarc-pacific-agriculture-scholarships-and-support-program>.

Applications incorporating the research proposal should be completed and preference will be given to those candidates who have prepared the proposal in consultation with their prospective supervisor at FNU and corresponding ACIAR project leader or Co-supervisor. If you have any difficulty in identifying a suitable supervisor, please contact [ipc@fnu.ac.fj](mailto:ipc@fnu.ac.fj) or Dr Archibold Bakare ([archibold.bakare@fnu.ac.fj](mailto:archibold.bakare@fnu.ac.fj)).

**Completed applications can be sent via email to [ipc@fnu.ac.fj](mailto:ipc@fnu.ac.fj) with the subject line "ACIAR scholarships 2021".**