 

**Application for ACIAR Pacific Agriculture Scholarships and Support Program (PASS) - FNU 2022**

for Masters by Research or Coursework with a Master’s thesis research component

Applications are now open for ACIAR funded postgraduate scholarships for candidates wishing to pursue a Masters (Research or Coursework) in Agriculture aligned with ACIAR Pacific research projects. Scholarships will be offered to applicants able to commit to a full Masters by Research or Coursework/Master’s thesis degree. Text highlighted in blue is hyperlinked to useful information for your application (internet access is required to view).

All applicants are required to identify a research project from the [**list provided**](https://usceduau.sharepoint.com/sites/ABA_ACPIR/Shared%20Documents/Projects/PASSP/USP/Scholarship%20Application/ACIAR%20Pacific%20Projects%20and%20topics%20for%20scholarships%202021.docx) and attach the following documentation with their completed application form:

1. Certified copies of academic transcripts
2. Two Academic or ACIAR project leader referee letters that highlight the applicant’s academic strengths and aptitude to conduct research.
3. Signed research intent completed after consultation with USP supervisor and ACIAR co-supervisor
4. *Curriculum vitae*

**PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SCHOLARSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE (1-year coursework: 1-year Master thesis research (MTR901))**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE BY RESEARCH**

**Before completing this application, please make sure you meet the eligibility criteria. Your application will not be assessed if you do not meet the following criteria.**

1. Masters by Research: I have a relevant Bachelors degree with a GPA of 3.5 or over, or a relevant Post Graduate Diploma with a GPA of 3.25 or over to be admitted into the Masters by Research program

or

Masters by Coursework with a Master’s thesis research component: I have a relevant Bachelor degree with a GPA of 3.0 or over

1. I am a citizen of, and currently reside in one of the following countries: Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati or Tuvalu.

1. I have a research proposal and have completed the research intent template, which has also been signed by my nominated FNU supervisor and ACIAR co-supervisor.

1. I am not currently enrolled in a Masters program.
2. I will be able to meet the FNU and government mandated requirements for travel to Fiji.

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| 1. Personal details | | | |
| Family Name (as shown on Birth Certificate) | | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Married Name (if different from name on Birth Certificate) | | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Given Names (as shown on Birth Certificate) | | Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Country of citizenship | **(note only citizens of Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu are eligible to apply)**  Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| Gender | Male | Female | Prefer to specify another way |
| Do you have a disability? | Yes | No | Prefer not to specify |
| Date of Birth day/month/year | Click or tap to enter a date. |  |  |
| English Language Proficiency | Previous program taught in English | IELTS test scores |  |
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| 1. Proposed Study Program | | |
| Please select which ACIAR research program you are applying under?  Agribusiness  Climate Change  Crops  Fisheries  Forestry/Agroforestry  Horticulture  Livestock Systems  Social Systems  Soil and Land Management  Water  The following research priority areas are based on ACIAR’s 2019 consultations with Pacific Island Countries. Student thesis research topics will align to one or more of the following research areas: (*select all relevant options*)  Gender equity and women’s engagement in Pacific agriculture, forestry, fisheries  Forestry and agroforestry that supports sustainable livelihoods and land management  Climate Change resilient production and food systems  Soil fertility, and integrated management of water resources and wastewater  Aquaculture and horticulture products and systems for improved nutrition  Agribusiness, including post-harvest management and food processing and innovative products  Coconut-based systems for economic, social, and environmental resilience  ‘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.  Applicants should identify a research topic from the [ACIAR project list and prepare the research intent in consultation with the identified supervisor and co-supervisor from the list.](https://usceduau.sharepoint.com/sites/ABA_ACPIR/Shared%20Documents/Projects/PASSP/USP/Scholarship%20Application/ACIAR%20Pacific%20Projects%20and%20topics%20for%20scholarships%202021.docx) Provide the ACIAR project title and ID here together with your proposed research topic:  ACIAR Project Title Click or tap here to enter text.  Project ID (e.g., HORT/2019/165) Click or tap here to enter text.  Research Topic Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| Do you currently hold any other scholarship from your own or another government or sponsor? | | Yes  No |
| If ‘Yes’, provide details |  | |

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| 1. Study or Employment history | | | | |
| Current study or employment \* Include extra rows if necessary | | | | |
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| Starting date | | Click or tap to enter a date. | | |
| Employer | | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| Brief description of your duties and responsibilities | | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| Previous position/s | | | | Provide details if previously employed |
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| Starting date | Click or tap to enter a date. | | Finishing date | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| Employing organisation | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| Brief description of your duties and responsibilities | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |

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| Email | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |
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| 1. Spouse details | | | | |
| If you have a dependant spouse provide their details. Note that a dependent spouse refers to a spouse who is currently unemployed and relies solely on the applicant for financial support. | | | | |
| Family name | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | Provide family name and other names as shown in your spouse’s passport or other official identification document |
| Given names | Click or tap here to enter text. | | |
| Gender | Male | Female | Date of birth | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| Country of citizenship | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |

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| 1. Qualifications | | | | | |
| **Please include any studies that you are currently undertaking and studies you have completed**. **Certified** **copies of all University results must be included with the application.** | | | | | |
| **Qualification name 1**  **(previous qualification)** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |
| Level of Study | Postgraduate Diploma  Vocational, technical  Undergraduate Degree | | | | |
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| **Qualification name 2**  **(including current studies)** | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |
| Level of Study | If Undergraduate - indicate which year you are currently in, or have most recently completed | | | | |
| Name of institution  (if other than FNU) | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |
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| Have you ever been awarded a scholarship, or other prize or distinction by your school, university, government, or other organisation? If so, please give details, and year of award.  Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | | |

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| 1. Prior Research experience | | | |
| 1. Do you have any prior research experience? If yes, please list below.   Click or tap here to enter text.  Have you co-authored any reports, papers, or publications? If yes, please list below *(please add more rows if required)*   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Full citation** | **Type of publication** | **Has it been peer-reviewed?** | **Link to access publication** | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Yes  No | Click or tap here to enter text. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Yes  No | Click or tap here to enter text. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Yes  No | Click or tap here to enter text. |   Have you given any seminars, presentations or talks related to agriculture, fisheries, or forestry? If yes, please list below *(please add more rows if required)*   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Name of the Event** | **Organizer** | **Date** | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap to enter a date. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap to enter a date. | | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap to enter a date. | | | | |
| b) What benefit will your study through this scholarship provide to: | | | |
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| c) More than half of the world’s farmers are women. The empirical evidence is clear that women are disproportionately affected by poverty. Ensuring women have equal access to resources and decision making is a direct route to reducing poverty for all. This online article is useful [Practical Notes: Critical elements for integrating gender in agricultural research and development projects and programs by Jemimah Njuki](http://agrigender.net/uploads/JGAFS-132016-6-Paper.pdf). An initial step is to be aware of when and how women and girls are engaged and affected by your research area. How would you ensure that the data collected in your research are collected, presented and analysed separately for men and women?  Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| Referees  Please give names, position and full addresses, telephone, email and fax numbers of two referees) who are familiar with you personally and your studies. Referees should be able to comment on your academic ability and should be known to you in a professional capacity and not be family members or relatives. Referees must also provide a written reference on your skills and ability to conduct research. | | | |
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| **Checklist (please ensure that you have included all required documentation with your application)**  Completed application form  Research intent endorsed by FNU supervisor and Co-supervisor  Letters of support (2)  Academic transcripts  Certificates  Curriculum vitae  Birth certificate  Signed declaration below | | | |
| Declaration:  I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information provided by me in this application is true and complete. I authorize the Fiji National University to collect from and disclose to appropriate third parties such information that it may require to establish and administer my account with the University. I undertake to comply with the rules and regulations of the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Pacific Agriculture Scholarship Support Program and Fiji National University Higher Degree program. I fully understand that making false declaration is an offence under the law. | | | |
| Date | Click or tap to enter a date. | Signed |  |