



Application for ACIAR Pacific Agriculture Scholarships and Support (PASS) Program 2027 - Masters by Research and PhD study

Applications are now open for ACIAR funded postgraduate scholarships for candidates wishing to pursue a Master of Science in Agriculture (with a thesis component), Master of Science in Forestry (with a thesis component), Masters by Research and PhD.

All applicants must attach the following documentation with their completed application form:

- i. Certified copies of academic transcripts
- ii. Curriculum vitae

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SCHOLARSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

- ☐ **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE (with a thesis component)**
- ☐ **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FORESTRY (with a thesis component)**
- ☐ **MASTERS BY RESEARCH**
- ☐ **PhD**

Before completing this application, please contact FNU ACIAR Graduate Officer, Ms. Varsha Dutt on aci-ar-go@fnu.ac.fj to ensure you meet the eligibility criteria.

Your application will not be assessed if you do not meet the following criteria:

- ☐ **Master of Science in Agriculture application (with a thesis component).** I have:
 - ☐ A Bachelor's degree in Agriculture with a GPA of 3.0 or above
- ☐ **Master of Science in Forestry application (with a thesis component).** I have:
 - ☐ A Bachelor's degree in Forestry with a GPA of 3.0 or above
- ☐ **Master by Research application.** I have:
 - ☐ A Postgraduate diploma with a GPA of 3.00 or above (or the equivalent from a recognised University).
 - ☐ A Bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.5.
 - ☐ An honours Bachelor degree with a GPA of 3.00 (from a recognised institution)
 - ☐ Master by coursework.
 - ☐ Recognised Professional experience: Evidence of academic qualifications and/or experience inclusive of research reports, or dissertations, or publications or other evidence of professional work that satisfies the Dean of the College that, the applicant has sufficient knowledge of the field of study, and capable of undertaking research and the writing of the thesis.

The medium of instruction at FNU is the English language. Students must be sufficiently fluent in English to pursue the HDR Programme. HDR students will provide evidence from undergraduate qualifications/other English qualifications that confirm their English language competency.

☐ **PhD application.** I have:

- ☐ A Master by Research degree.
- ☐ Where the Master degree is by coursework a GPA of minimum 4.0 is required plus completion of a research method course.
- ☐ An Honours Bachelor's degree with a GPA of minimum 4.0 and above or (First or upper Second-class Honours).
- ☐ Recognised Professional experience: Evidence of academic qualifications and/or experience inclusive of research reports, or dissertations, or publications or other evidence of professional work that satisfies the Dean of the College that, the applicant has sufficient knowledge of the field of study, and capable of undertaking research and the writing of the thesis.
- ☐ Any of the above-listed pre-requisites must have been attained from a recognised institution.

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1. ☐ I am a citizen of and currently reside in one of the following countries: Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati or Tuvalu.
2. ☐ I have checked my eligibility with the FNU key contact (details above)
3. ☐ I will be able to meet the FNU and Government mandated requirements for travel to Fiji

4. **USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

In accordance with the PASS Information Sheet on the Use of Artificial Intelligence, applicants are required to disclose any use of AI tools or technologies in the preparation of their application, including their CV and written responses.

Has AI been used in the preparation of any part of your application?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

If you answered yes, please provide a brief description of the AI tools or technologies used and specify which parts of your application were assisted by AI.

☐ I acknowledge that I have read the PASS Information Sheet on the Use of Artificial Intelligence and declare that I have complied with its requirements and have not used artificial intelligence in any manner that is not permitted.

APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY 5.00PM FJT ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2026

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other (Please Specify): _____

First Name

Country of
Citizenship

Surname

Place of Birth

Other Names

Address

Date of Birth
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Email

Phone Number

English Language Proficiency

☐ Previous program taught in English

☐ IELTS test scores

Do you currently hold another
scholarship?

☐ No

☐ Yes – if yes please provide details:

Program of Study applied
for:

☐ Master of Science in Agriculture (with a thesis component)

☐ Master of Science in Forestry (with a thesis component)

☐ Master by Research

☐ PhD

QUALIFICATION HISTORY

(evidence of your qualifications will need to be provided)

Qualification Name		Institution	GPA/Grade	Status/Date completed
Bachelor Degree/s				
Master Degree/s				
Other Qualifications				

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

(Starting with your most recent employment first – please also attach a copy of your resume)

Dates employed	Position Title	Organisation	Summary of Responsibilities

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Do you have any prior research experience?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes – if yes please provide details:

Have you co-authored any reports, papers or publications?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes – if yes please provide details as outlined below

Full citation	Type of publication	Has it been peer-reviewed?	Link to access publication
		Yes ☐ No ☐	
		Yes ☐ No ☐	
		Yes ☐ No ☐	

Have you given any seminars, presentations or talks related to agriculture, fisheries or forestry?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes – if yes please provide details as outlined below

Name of the Event	Organiser	Date

REFEREES

Please give names, position and full addresses, telephone numbers and emails of two referees who are familiar with you personally and in 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.

Referee One

Name

Position

Phone Number

Email

Your relationship to the referee

- ☐ Academic support
☐ Employer or Colleague
☐ Other – please provide details

Referee Two

Name

Position

Phone Number

Email

Your relationship to the referee

- ☐ Academic support
☐ Employer or Colleague
☐ Other – please provide details

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed application form
☐ Certificates
☐ Academic transcripts
☐ Curriculum vitae
☐ Birth Certificate
☐ Passport Biodata page
☐ Signed declaration

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 Graduate Studies program. I fully understand that making a false declaration is an offence under the law.

Signature

Date

