



VANUATU GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 2025

The National Scholarships and Training Board (NSTB) wishes to advise the following criteria for the awarding of Vanuatu Government Scholarships. The NSTB is responsible for undertaking a fair, transparent and merit-based selection of candidates for the award of scholarships.

Overall Criteria

To be considered for a scholarship **ALL** applicants **MUST**:

- Be a citizen of Vanuatu;
- Be studying in an area identified as a priority in the ***Scholarship Priority Framework¹***; and
- Not have a criminal record, or court case pending at the time of application.

All applicants are to carefully examine the Eligibility Criteria as stated in the following pages before applying for a scholarship. It is your responsibility to ensure that you meet **ALL** relevant eligibility criteria requirements.

1. **Scholarship Priority Framework** is available from the TSCU and the MoET website <https://moet.gov.vu>

PART ONE: Undergraduate Scholarships

1) South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC)

Students who have completed South Pacific Form Seven Certificate will be assessed on their highest four (4) subject marks. Of these four subjects, students must achieve a minimum of:

- i. **Merit** in at least 3 subjects, including English

AND

- ii. **Achieved** in 1 subject.

2) DAEU/ Baccalauréat

To be eligible to be considered for a scholarship, students who have completed DAEU/Baccalauréat must have achieved:

- i) An average passing score of **12/20**;

AND

- ii) A score of **10** or above in **French** and for **Science Student a 10 or above in Mathematics.**

BTS, DUT or CPGE programmes:

Students who have been accepted into *Brevet de Technicien Supérieurs (BTS)*; *Diplôme Universitaire de Technologie (DUT)*; or *Cours Préparatoires des Grandes Ecoles (CPGE)* who wish to be considered for a scholarship **must:**

- iii) Have achieved an average passing grade of **12/20, including a score of at least 10 in French** and for **Science Student a 10 or above in Mathematics.** (DAEU; Baccalauréat);

Priority for scholarships will be given to BTS, DUT, or CPGE candidates who meet the above criteria.

Note: The National Scholarships and Training Board (NSTB) has the discretion to consider the awarding of scholarships in exceptional cases (i.e. an average passing score of **14/20** and above), where a score of 10 or above in French has not been achieved.

3) Yr13/Yr12 students studying outside of Vanuatu

Current Year 13 (or Year 12 in New Zealand/ Australia) students who are studying overseas (e.g. Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Australia or other countries), and wish to be considered for a Vanuatu Government scholarship will need to submit an information form to the Scholarship Office (contact details, examination information). Eligibility criteria (or relevant equivalent) as stated in Sections 1 and 2 above will apply to these students.

4) USP Full Foundation Programme Applicants

A) Applicants who have completed full Foundation Programmes (except those intending to be considered for entry into Health Science or Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery programmes) **must have:**

- i) Completed a minimum of **8** Foundation courses, with a **GPA of at least 2.5** or above;

AND

- ii) Achieved a **B** grade or higher in *Foundation English A (LLF11)*.

B) Applicants who have completed full Foundation Programmes who wish to be considered for entry into Health Science programmes (excluding Medicine) (Fiji School of Medicine, University of Fiji) **must have:**

- i) Completed a minimum of **10** Foundation Science courses, with a **GPA of at least 2.5** or above

AND

- ii) Achieved a **B** grade or higher in *Foundation English A (LLF11)*

AND

- iii) Met the entry requirements for the applicants proposed programme of study (Applicants should note that some Health Science programmes require a GPA *higher than 2.5*).

C) Applicants who have completed a full Foundation Programme who wish to be considered for entry into Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery programmes (Fiji National University or University of Fiji) **must have:**

- i) Completed a minimum of **10** Foundation Science courses, with a **GPA of 4.0** or above

AND

- ii) Achieved a **B** grade or higher in *Foundation English A (LLF11)*

5) USP Partial Foundation Programme Applicants (i.e. one or more Foundation courses but not a full Foundation Programme)

Applicants who have completed a combination of *South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC)* and *Foundation Program Courses* must achieve a minimum of:

- i. **Merit** (SPSFC) or **B grade** (Foundation) in at least 3 subjects, including **English**;

AND

- ii. **Achieved** (SPSFC) or **C grade** (Foundation) in 1 subject.

6) Current Degree Programme Applicants

Applicants currently enrolled in degree programmes at USP, or other tertiary institutions, who wish to apply for a scholarship, **must have:**

- i) Passed at least 4 courses, including UU100, UU114 (for those enrolled in USP);

AND

- ii) Achieved a **GPA of at least 2.5** or above.

7) Applicants who have previously completed a Diploma at a recognised tertiary institution (in-country, regional, international)

Applicants who hold a Diploma from a recognised tertiary institution (which is accredited by the Vanuatu Qualifications Authority or regional/international equivalent) and wish to apply for a scholarship **must have:**

- i) Met **all** institution requirements for entry into their proposed programme of study.

AND

- ii) If applicable, met all additional requirements from the Public Service Commission, Teaching Service Commission, Police Service Commission, or equivalent workforce related committee. (Refer to Additional Notes for Candidates/Applicants).

PART TWO: Post-Graduate Scholarships

1) Current Workforce

Applicants in the current workforce who wish to undertake post-graduate study (Graduate/Post-graduate Certificate/Diploma, Master, PhD) must meet the following requirements:

- i) Have met **all** institution requirements, including minimum GPA, for entry into proposed post-graduate programme of study.
- ii) All Post-graduate research degree topics must directly contribute to an area of need as identified in the *Scholarship Priority Framework*. A one-page outline of your proposed research topic must be submitted with your Scholarship Application.
- iii) If applicable, met all additional requirements from the Public Service Commission, Teaching Service Commission, Police Service Commission, or your equivalent workforce related committee. (Refer to Additional Notes for Candidates/Applicants).

In addition to the above requirements, **PHD applicants** must also meet the following:

- i) Applicants wishing to start PhD study **must** submit a) a brief research proposal, **and** b) a letter supporting the research proposal from their proposed institution supervisor.
- ii) Applicants who are already in the progress of PhD study must submit a) a brief progress report which is agreed to by their supervisor, **and** b) a letter of support from their supervisor.

2) About to Complete/Recently Completed Undergraduate Degree Programme Students

Applicants who are about to complete, or have recently completed an undergraduate degree, and wish to apply for post-graduate study (Graduate/Post-graduate Certificate/Diploma, Master, PhD) must meet the following requirements:

- i) Have completed their undergraduate degree within the term of their original award;
- ii) Have met **all** institution requirements, including minimum GPA, for entry into proposed post-graduate programme of study;
- iii) Where applicable, have undertaken regular attachments with organisations relevant to their area of study;
- iv) Provide letter of recommendation from their university lecturer supporting their intention to continue to post-graduate level study; and
- v) Post-graduate research degree topics must directly contribute to an area of need as identified in the *Scholarship Priority Framework*. A one-page outline of your proposed research topic must be submitted with your Scholarship Application.

Additional Notes for Candidates/Applicants

All Candidates/ Applicants Should Note the Following:

- Scholarships will **NOT** be awarded for candidates to complete *Foundation* or *Unclassified Studies*.
- Combined Programmes/Double-Degrees will **NOT** be funded
- All candidates/ applicants **must have met** the **specific entry requirements for their proposed programmes of study**. A scholarship can **NOT** be awarded if an applicant fails to meet all institution requirements for programme entry.
- Applicants must check **prior to submitting their application** that they meet all entry requirements for their proposed programme of study.

Public Service, Teaching Service & Police Service Applicants

- **All Public Service applicants** must complete and attach **PSC Form 5-2 – Training Approval Form** to their application.
- Teaching Service, and Police Service applicants are required to comply with all regulations from their respective Commission's.

National Scholarships and Training Board (NSTB) Discretionary Powers

In **exceptional** cases which clearly demonstrate outstanding benefit to the development of Vanuatu, the NSTB will have the discretion to consider the awarding of Vanuatu Government sponsored scholarships outside of the stipulated eligibility criteria. The NSTB will be required to **clearly document in writing** the rationale for the awarding of scholarships to awardees who have not met stipulated eligibility criteria.