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19th September, 2018 **Thirty seven (37) Tongan citizens received scholarships funded by the Government of Australia to take up university studies starting 2019 in Australia and the Pacific region.**

Two scholarship schemes were open for Tongan citizens to apply for from 1 February – 30 April this year, which included the Australia Awards Scholarship (AAS) and the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS). A total of Fifteen (15) applicants for the AAS were offered scholarships for post-graduate level studies in Australia, while twenty two (22) applicants for the AAPS were offered scholarships for undergraduate and post-graduate level studies in universities based in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu. Areas of study for AAS and AAPS appear below.

Since 1997, the Australian Government has awarded more than 400 scholarships for Tongan students to undertake long term higher education in Australia and the Pacific region.

Australia Awards are long-term awards administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The scholarships aim to contribute to the development needs of Australia's partner countries in line with bilateral and regional agreements. Awards provide opportunities for people from developing countries, particularly countries located in the Indo-Pacific region, to undertake full time undergraduate or postgraduate study at universities in Australia and the Pacific. The scholarships are a platform to help develop the skills and knowledge of scholarship recipients to drive change and contribute to development in their own countries.

Imagery of Scholarship recipients from last year is available at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ahctonga/30881314638/in/dateposted-public/>

**For more information on Australian Government's Support on Australia Awards, please**

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### **In-Australia Scholarships (AAS) – Total 14 Awardees in 2018**

Master of Climate Change
Master of Pharmacy
Master of Advanced Nursing Practice
Master of Commerce (Advanced)
Master of Epidemiology
Master of Education
Master of Applied Economics
Master of Fisheries Policy
Master of History
Master of Advanced Nursing Practice
Master of Disaster Preparedness and Reconstruction
Master of Commerce
Master of Project Management
Master of International Security
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

### **Pacific Scholarships (AAPS) – Total 22 Awardees in 2018**

# Thirty seven Tongan citizens receive Australian Government Scholarships

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Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Economics
Post Grad Diploma in Surgery
Bachelor in Public Health
Post graduate Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynecology
Bachelor of Commerce in Professional Accounting
Bachelor of Agriculture - applied Science
Post-graduate Diploma in Midwifery
Bachelor in Medical Imaging Science
BA (Anthropology & Sociology)
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) - Honors
Bachelor of Dental Surgery
BA in Education
Bachelor of Dentistry
Bachelor of Commerce - Economics and Language & Literature
Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
Bachelor of Agriculture (applied Science)
Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry
MA - Information Technology/Networking Cyber Security (Governance)
Professional Development Legal Practice
Bachelor of Law
BSc Pharmacy
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic)