



Application for ACIAR Pacific Agriculture Scholarships and Support and Climate Resilience (PASS-CR) Program 2025 - Masters by Research or Masters by Coursework (with a thesis component) and PhD

Applications are now open for ACIAR funded postgraduate scholarships for candidates wishing to pursue a Masters (Research or Coursework) and PhD. Text highlighted in blue is hyperlinked to useful information for your application (internet access is required to view).

All applicants can either pre-select a research topic and directly align their proposal with one of the listed topics or propose a unique research topic that aligns with one of the broader research themes provided. Applicants should prepare their research intent in consultation with the relevant FNU supervisor and co-supervisor, and attach the following documentations with their completed application form:

- i. Certified copies of academic transcripts
- ii. Two Academic or ACIAR project leader referee letters that highlight the applicant's academic strengths and aptitude to conduct research.
- iii. Signed research intent completed after consultation with FNU supervisor and Co-supervisor
- iv. Curriculum vitae

PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SCHOLARSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

- MASTERS BY RESEARCH**
- MASTERS BY COURSEWORK (with a thesis component)**
- 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:

- Masters by Research application.** I have:
 - A Bachelors degree with a GPA of 3.5 or above (FNU GPA equivalent) at level 7; or
 - A graduate diploma with a GPA of 3.25 or above (FNU GPA equivalent) at level 8; or
 - A Masters by coursework at level 9; or
 - Evidence of academic qualification and/or experience inclusive of research reports, or dissertations, or publications or other evidence that satisfies the HDRC that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study or cognate field and has the potential for research that is sufficient to undertake the proposed programme.
- Masters by Coursework (with a thesis component) application.** I have:
 - A relevant Bachelor degree with a GPA of 3.0 or over
- PhD application.** I have:
 - A Bachelors degree with first or upper second class honours at level 8, including a research component compromised of a thesis; or
 - A Masters degree by coursework with a GPA of 4 or above (FNU GPA equivalent) at level 9; or
 - A Masters by Research degree in a relevant discipline; or
 - Evidence of academic qualification and/or experience inclusive of research reports, or dissertations, or publications or other evidence that satisfies the Higher Degree by Research Committee (HDRC) that the applicant has developed knowledge of the field of study or cognate field and has the potential for research that is sufficient to undertake the proposed programme.

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.

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 have completed the research intent in consultation with my prospective supervisors, and this has also been signed by my nominated FNU supervisor and the Co-supervisor.
4. I will be able to meet the FNU and Government mandated requirements for travel to Fiji

APPLICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY 5PM FJT ON WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024

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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

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	<input type="text"/>	Position	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>

Your relationship to the referee Academic support
 Employer or Colleague
 Other – please provide details

Referee Two

Name	<input type="text"/>	Position	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>

Your relationship to the referee Academic support
 Employer or Colleague
 Other – please provide details

CHECKLIST

- Completed application form
- Signed research intent
- Letters of support from proposed supervisors (2)
- Academic transcripts
- Certificates
- Curriculum vitae
- Birth certificate
- 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 authorise 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 and Climate Resilience Program and Fiji National University Higher Degrees by Research program. I fully understand that making a false declaration is an offence under the law.

Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
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