

2026 Public Sector Leadership Scholarship

Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy

Applications now open

Australia Awards In-PNG Scholarships help Papua New Guineans to gain tertiary qualifications in key areas identified by the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia. These scholarships are offered through selected institutions in PNG.

The Public Sector Leadership Scholarship is available to high-performing Papua New Guinean public servants who are committed to strengthening their academic and professional skills to support effective policymaking and national development.

What does the course involve?

The Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy (GDEPP) at the University of Papua New Guinea's School of Business and Public Policy (UPNG SBPP) provides professionals with the skills to design and implement effective national policies. It offers a strong academic foundation for applying economic and public policy analysis in real-world contexts.

More details are available at:

<https://www.upng.ac.pg/index.php/sbpp-programs-courses/postgraduate-programs>.

Who can apply?

Public Sector Leadership Scholarships are open to Papua New Guinean public servants at Grade 14 and above, who are employed under the Public Service General Order. Applicants must be based in the National Capital District and work in a department or statutory authority deemed eligible by the Department of Personnel Management. Women and people with disability are strongly encouraged to apply. The program is delivered part-time, with classes typically held after hours on weekdays (Monday to Friday). The scholarship covers tuition fees and provides a contribution toward ICT costs. Scholarship recipients who successfully complete the GDEPP in 2026 may be invited to pursue the Master of Economic and Public Policy (MEPP) in 2027, through either a coursework or research pathway.

The application process has two steps:

1. Apply for admission to UPNG SBPP

Applicants should complete the 2026 Postgraduate Studies Application Form and submit directly to UPNG by **Tuesday, 30 September 2025** with required credentials and an application fee of K250. The application form is available at:

<https://www.upng.ac.pg/index.php/sbpp-programs-courses/postgraduate-programs>

Select the following in the application form:

- Graduate Diploma in Economic and Public Policy
- Part-time study
- Sponsorship/Scholarships in Section 4

2. Ensure scholarship eligibility requirements are met, including:

- UPNG SBPP's admission requirements for the GDEPP
- Endorsement from applicant's head of agency must be submitted to AAPNG on Friday, 24 October 2025 by email: incountry@australiaawardspng.org

Scholarship selection

UPNG will assess and confirm each applicants' eligibility for admission into the program. Applicants who meet the course entry requirements will be invited to complete a scholarship application form. This will be reviewed by a selection panel comprising representatives from the governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia, and UPNG.

Public sector applicants who meet the course and DPM requirements but are not awarded the Scholarship will still be able to undertake the program as self-funded/sponsored students.

Online Information Session

Interested applicants are invited to attend a free information session.

Monday, 18 August 2025

10:00-11:00am via Microsoft Teams

To register your interest, email:

incountry@australiaawardspng.org

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