



## U.S.-PACIFIC RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

### PhD and Masters Scholarships

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Applications invites citizens from USP member countries, including the Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu, which were not represented in the 1st Call. This round offers fully funded research scholarships: 3-year scholarship for full-time Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) studies, equivalent to six semesters, and an 18-month scholarship for full-time Master's degree studies, equivalent to three semesters at USP. The Scholarship Scheme offers fully funded 3-year scholarships for full-time Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) studies at The University of the South Pacific. The scholarship will provide an opportunity for candidates to undertake their PhD research in close collaboration with selected U.S. partner universities.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Citizenship:** I am a citizen of a USP Member country, including Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, or Vanuatu.
- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Application:** I am applying for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Scholarship.
- Master's Scholarship Application:** I am applying for a Master's Scholarship.
- Age:** I am 35 years or younger if applying for the Master's Scholarship, or 45 years or younger if applying for the PhD Scholarship.
- PhD Eligibility:** If applying for the PhD Scholarship, I have completed one of the following Master's Degrees:
  - A Master's Degree by thesis;
  - A Master's Degree including a Supervised Research Project (SRP);
  - A Master's Degree with at least 25% independent research.
- Master's Eligibility:** If applying for the Master's Scholarship, I have:
  - A Bachelor's Degree with a GPA of 4.0 or higher, or
  - A Postgraduate Diploma (preferably with a Research Method course) with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, in addition to a relevant Bachelor's Degree with a GPA of at least 3.5.

#### APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

A complete application for the PhD scholarship must include:

- Completed U.S.-PRAFP Application Form
- Cover letter (letter of application)
- Curriculum Vitae (contact detail of three references)
- Letter of support from 2 referees who can evaluate your research potential
- Certified copies of relevant academic transcripts and certificates
- Proof of citizenship (e.g. certified copy of passport bio-data)
- Statement of Research Intent

Completed applications to be emailed to [prakriti.rachna@usp.ac.fj](mailto:prakriti.rachna@usp.ac.fj) by March 26, 2025 (5PM FJT)



## PERSONAL DETAILS

First Name	<input type="text"/>	Country of Citizenship	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>	Place of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Other Names	<input type="text"/>	Address	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>	Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

Do you currently enrolled in a PhD, Masters or any other program at USP?  No  
 Yes – if yes please provide details:

Do you currently hold another scholarship?  No  
 Yes – if yes please provide details:

## RESEARCH TOPIC

Note that applicants should identify a research topic from the themes areas and prepare the research intent.

Research Topic

## QUALIFICATION HISTORY

(Evidence of your qualifications must be included in your application)

Qualification Name	Institution	GPA/Grade	Status/Date completed
<b>Bachelor Degree/s</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Master Degree/s</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Other Qualifications</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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

Dates employed	Position Title	Organization	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"/>	



## REFEREES

Please give names, position and full addresses, telephone numbers and emails of three 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

## 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 University of the South Pacific 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 fully understand that making a false declaration is an offence under the law.

Signature

Date