

Applications are invited from citizens of USP member countries for the following scholarships, managed by the University, to be available in 2010.

SHRIKSUN BALGOVIND SCHOLARSHIP

Two partial scholarships are available for (a) full-time students in an area deemed appropriate by the Scholarships Committee; (b) candidates whose parents or guardians are earning less than \$10,000 per (c) applicants who meet the admission criteria for their degree programme; and (d) applicants who are Fiji citizens of Fijian or Indian descent. Candidates for the Shriksun Balgovind Scholarship will receive assistance for tuition, book allowance per semester, living allowance per semester, and General Service and Health Service fees for the year.

The (a) letter of application for a scholarship and supporting documentation (required) on financial background together with (b) the application for admission to USP are to be sent (letter and application in same envelope) to Balgovind Scholarship 2010, Student Academic Services, The University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji.

For further information contact: Student Services Centre, Building 091, Laucala Campus, tel: (679) 323 1444; fax: (679) 323 1516 or email: helpdesk@student.uspac.fj

SASAKAWA BELLOWSHIPS

School of Government, Development and International Affairs

Applications are invited from citizens of member countries of USP for the Sasakawa Postgraduate Fellowship in the Development Studies Programme. Development Studies is interdisciplinary; its students typically come from one of many Social Science disciplines concerned with development.

1. Applicants for Master degree must be willing to pursue a Master's in Development Studies. A fellowship is for one year only, and enables the successful applicants to undertake the first-year coursework Postgraduate Diploma in Development Studies. Progress is reviewed after six (6) months and the Fellowship may be terminated if performance in studies and allocated duties (see below) is not satisfactory. If a student passes the first year with a GPA of no less than 3.5, the student will be offered a further one year fellowship to study for the Masters in Development Studies either by thesis or by Supervised Research Project (SRP).
2. Applicants for PhD must be willing to pursue a PhD in Development Studies. A fellowship is for three years. Progress is reviewed after one year and the fellowship may be terminated if performance in studies and allocated duties (see below) is not satisfactory.

The minimum requirements for those applying for the Sasakawa Fellowships are:

- a Bachelor degree with a GPA of not less than 3.0 for MA in Development Studies. Applicants must be under 35 years of age.
- degree of Master by a Senate-recognised university or degree of Bachelor with First Class Honours for PhD - Applicants must be under 45 years of age.

Preference will be given to applicants with some work experience in development related fields. Apart from pursuing their studies, the successful applicants will be required to provide up to eight (8) hours assistance towards the Development Studies programme per week. This may involve conducting research and fieldwork, assisting with the organisation and hosting of workshops, seminars and conferences, conducting tutorials and occasional lectures, or any other associated activity assigned by the Program. Candidates for the Postgraduate, Masters and PhD programmes will normally be entitled to the following indicative allowances:

Candidates for the Postgraduate and Masters programme

Tuition and other mandatory fees, F\$500 establishment allowance paid once only at the commencement of the scholarship as well as accommodation for regional students at the USP Lodge on the first week of the semester, F\$35,000 per semester living and lodging allowance (F\$4400 per semester book allowance; F\$31000 per semester partner allowance if a partner accompanies the student and is not employed; Student Association and Health Service Fees, and travel costs for the student only at the commencement and end of scholarship (airfares may be applicable if the student is not from Suva). A smaller living allowance for the period between the Fellowships may also be possible. Preference is for full-time students. (NB: Allowances may vary in any given year.)

Candidates for the PhD programme

Tuition and other mandatory fees, F\$500 establishment allowance paid once only at the commencement of the scholarship as well as accommodation for regional students at the USP Lodge on the first week of the semester, F\$35,000 per year living and lodging allowance (F\$4400 per semester book allowance; F\$31000 per semester partner allowance if a partner accompanies the student and is not employed; Student Association and Health Service fees, and travel costs for the student only at the commencement and end of scholarship (airfares may be applicable if the student is not from Suva). A smaller living allowance for the period between the Fellowships may also be possible. Preference is for full-time students. (NB: Allowances may vary in any given year.)

- Letters of application must include:
1. the applicant's curriculum vitae
 2. names and addresses (including email and/or fax contact) of three referees.
 3. a two-page outline of the applicant's intended research area, together with the rationale.
 4. a declaration of medical fitness, and
 5. certified copies of certificates and academic transcripts. In the case of former USP students, the applicant's USP ID number or USP registration name will be accepted in lieu of certified copies of transcripts.

Applicants already receiving other forms of assistance must declare this clearly in their letter of application, and indicate the terms of their existing assistance. Students are not normally permitted to hold more than one scholarship/fellowship simultaneously. Applicants must ask their referees to send their confidential reports to the address below by the closing date. Applications should be presented in hard copy, together with all supporting documents and an application for admission to the School of Government, Development and International Affairs

postgraduate programme. All applications are to be sent to The Head of School, School of Government, Development Studies and International Relations, The University of the South Pacific, Laucala Campus, Suva, Fiji.

Further information contact: The Executive Assistant, Development Studies Programme, tel: (679) 323 2297; fax: (679) 323 1523; or email: developmentstudies@usp.ac.fj.

VODASCHOLAR – VODAFONE SCHOLARSHIP

In support of USP's ongoing commitment in providing tertiary education in the Pacific region, Vodafone has agreed to provide support for fee-based scholarships tenable at USP for undergraduate study by Fiji Islanders to help contribute to the development and well-being of the nation.

Only one scholarship is on offer and will cover tuition and book allowance for a full three-year undergraduate programme in either of the following areas:

- (i) Computing Science
- (ii) Information Systems; or
- (iii) Engineering Technology.

The scholarship will be a maximum sum of F\$5700 per annum to cover tuition fees and book allowance only. Applicants are eligible to receive a scholarship only if the annual income of parents and guardians is less than F\$20,000 in the year preceding their application and if they have achieved academic merit in the USP Foundation or Fiji Form 7 Examination.

NOTE FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS

1. All applications must include an application for admissions form and certified copies of relevant supporting documents.
2. Application forms for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate programmes can be obtained from the Student Academic Service, the University website: www.uspac.fj or from any USP campus.
3. Detailed information on each scholarship is available on the University website or as indicated above.
4. Enquiries can also be made to the Student Services Centre tel: (679) 323 1444, fax: (679) 323 1516 or email: studentinfo@usp.ac.fj
5. All applications close on 30 November 2009.
6. Further information contact: Student Services Centre, Building 091, Laucala Campus, tel: (679) 323 1444, fax: (679) 323 1516 or email: helpdesk@student.uspac.fj.

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DEADLINE FOR ADMISSION APPLICATION FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

For more information on the application process, visit www.uspac.fj or contact the Student Services Centre. Applications for admission to the University of the South Pacific are accepted on a rolling basis. Any offer for admission is subject to the University's admission requirements. The deadline for non-secondary school applicants (Quota applicants) has been extended to 31 January 2010.

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