

Pacific Academic Excellence (PAE) Award

General Description

The University of the South Pacific (USP) offers the Pacific Academic Excellence Award (PAE) to undergraduate students who are citizens of USP member countries and have achieved academic excellence in the Year 13 National Exam or the USP Foundation programme.

There are 15 Scholarships awarded as follows:

- i. 1 award per member country for the highest achiever in the Year 13 National Exam (12 Awards)
- ii. 1 award for the highest scorer in each of the USP Foundation programme streams, i.e., Arts, Business, and Science (3 awards)

Award Cover

The PAE covers the following expenses:

- i. Return Airfare (Regional Candidate) for Economy Class to campus of study at the beginning of the year and return at the end of the year or after termination of award.
- ii. Monthly living allowance of FJD 1000.00 during the semester.
- iii. Book allowance of FJD 500 per semester (payable to the USP Book Centre)
- iv. Accommodation cost up to FJD 1200.00 per semester (payable to the USP Halls of Residence)
- v. Tuition
- vi. Ancillary Fees (General Service Fee, Health Fee)

Eligibility Criteria

- i. Candidates must have received an offer of admission to a bachelor's degree programme at USP.
- ii. Candidates must be a current Year 13 or USP Foundation student and citizen of a USP member country (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshalls Islands, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu) and have completed the Year 13 National Exam or USP Foundation programme in the year prior to the commencement of their undergraduate studies at USP. **Note:** USP Foundation graduates must have completed the full Foundation programme within the year prior to the commencement of their undergraduate studies at USP.

Opening and Closing Dates

Candidates are selected in January of every year.

Selection Process

- i. The University Scholarship Officer will liaise with the Ministry of Education or National Examination Board in member countries to identify the highest achiever and present the eligible candidates to the USC for selection. The USP Scholarship Officer or the MOE will contact the selected candidates to offer the PAE Scholarships.