

USP Bursary Scheme

Semester 2 & Trimester 3, 2021

The University of the South Pacific offers Financial Assistance for private students to offset the high cost of tertiary education for eligible Undergraduate and Postgraduate studies.

Eligibility:

Application for bursary assistance will only be considered from students that meet the following criteria:

1. Fully privately-funded and not currently supported by any scholarship or sponsorship schemes;
2. Currently registered as a student at USP;
3. Completed at least one semester of study;
4. Have a Term GPA of 2.5 or better in the last active academic term;
5. Research students are to submit a copy of their most recent *progress report* as assessed by respective research committees as **satisfactory**;
6. Have a combined family income of not more than FJD 25,000 or equivalent per year;
7. Fiji Undergraduate students who **do not qualify** for TSLB schemes – must attach a declaration and evidence from TSLB confirming this;
8. Family members of USP staff who **do not qualify** for USP family fees concessions - must attached a declaration or evidence from USP HR;
9. Staff members of USP who **do not qualify** for Staff fees concession - must attach a declaration or copy of contract from USP HR.

The financial assistance scheme **will not cover**;

10. Doctoral and Directed Research Project studies;
11. Student enrolled in self-funded programmes offered by the Graduate School of Business, Pacific TAFE and PDLP/PDLD;
12. International students; and
13. Students admitted to Unclassified or qualifying studies.

Prioritisation - The University reserves the right to prioritise selection should applications exceed available bursary funds using the following criteria:

14. GPA;
15. Family income; and
16. Year or level of study.

Coverage:

17. The scheme will cover up to 50% of total tuition fees for non-repeated courses.
18. The scheme will cover one (1) student per family between siblings and/or parents

Retrospective Financial Assistance: This scheme is only applicable for 2021 semester 1 and Trimester 2 term;

19. Students can apply for Retrospective Financial Assistance to cover semester 1 or trimester 2 fees as per the advertised bursary eligibility criteria and coverage.
20. Applicant must have a Term GPA of 2.5 or better in semester 1, or trimester 2 2021 to be eligible for consideration.
21. Only **registered continuing students** into trimester 3 or semester 2 will be considered, for those who have paid fees and qualifies will have their refund amount transferred to the new term.
22. There will be no refunds made to students.
23. Unsuccessful candidates from semester 1 bursary are eligible to apply again.
24. The normal bursary eligibility criteria will apply in terms of family income, sponsorship under other schemes, progress reports and non-funding of Graduate of Graduate School of Business, Pacific TAFE and PDLP/PDLD programmes.

Applicants must:

25. Complete the Student Bursary Scheme **application form** which you can download from **www.usp.ac.fj/forms**
26. Provide **verified evidence** of family income (Salary slip or Contract document) of no more than FJD 25,000 per year. In any absence of evidence, a **Statutory Declaration** must be submitted with the application that mentions the source of income or livelihood.
27. Submit completed application form and relevant documents via email to: **scholarships@usp.ac.fj**
28. Read the Bursary FAQ available on **www.usp.ac.fj/scholarships**

Information Session

29. There will be Zoom awareness sessions organised to address queries. Schedules will be emailed via USP student webmail services.

For further enquiries, contact Ruveni Gacala (Scholarship Officer) on email: **gacala_r@usp.ac.fj**
Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications opens: Wednesday 11 August 2021

Application closes: Wednesday 1 September 2021