



PNA Tuna Fisheries Scholarship Policy

In a rapidly changing ecological, social and economic environment, PNA recognizes the need to support PNA citizens and nationals who are working in national tuna fisheries government departments, by providing access to training and educational opportunities to upgrade their skills. This scholarship policy supports that goal, with the belief that it will help build and strengthen the capacity of PNA tuna fisheries staff at national levels, as well as open an avenue for them to pursue opportunities at regional levels.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, applicants must:

- Be working for a PNA Tuna Fisheries department and endorsed by the department¹, or nominated and endorsed as a candidate by a PNA Tuna Fisheries department.
- Be a citizen or national of one of the PNA countries
- Pursue study that can contribute to Tuna Fisheries
- Provide an explanation of how the study can contribute to Tuna Fisheries.

Application Requirements:

Term of the scholarship (one term/multi-terms/multi-year, etc. must be specified).

Total financial support requested, including breakdown needs to be identified.

Submit a statement of other financial support/ contribution. This is the amount of money that you already have including any other scholarships awarded to you.

Offer Letter or Acceptance Letter from the university must be provided as part of the application.

Submit a Letter of Intent along with your acceptance letter.

- Submit a letter stating why you are interested in pursuing training or education in your chosen field.

Some questions to consider:

- What are your goals for the future? Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?
- How do you see your training or education impacting tuna fisheries at either the national or regional level?

¹ in line with national capacity development plans

- What needs do you see within the organization and how do you see yourself helping to fulfill one or more of those needs.
- Have you tried applying for national scholarships? If not, why?

Process and Timing

- Send notification out seeking applications on 3 November
- Closing date for applications - 30 November
- Let candidates know outcome of their applications by 31 December.

Award Requirements:

- Students must maintain good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Students must provide a copy of the certificate or degree upon completion.
- Students must be willing to provide support for the PNAO as required, OR complete one of the following:

For short term training of 1 year or less:

1. Provide support to PNA Members and the PNAO, as required
2. Periodic check-in with scholarship manager (schedule to be determined by manager)

For longer term certifications/degrees that are more than 1 year and less than 2:

1. Monthly check-ins or otherwise determined by the scholarship manager
2. Assigned small research or database entry work
3. Social-media updates through PNA Office
4. Other comparable tasks

For terms longer than 2 years:

1. Monthly check-ins with scholarship manager or otherwise determined by the scholarship manager
2. If there are small research or database management work, students agree to take on the work during the entire term of study for PNAO.
3. Work on training projects: provide training to other professionals in tuna fisheries via virtual meeting platforms or in-person
4. Social-media management
5. Other projects approved by PNAO

Students will be funded for no more than:

- 1 year for Certificates and Diplomas
- 2 years for Undergraduate Degrees and Postgraduate Studies
- 4 years for PhD Degree

Extension appeals may be submitted for extenuating circumstances

DEFERMENTS

If, for any reason, the scholarship cannot be used for the year that it was awarded, the award is forfeited and the student must reapply for the scholarship, along with other applicants.

Renewal Requirements:

To renew the scholarship, students must:

- Provide official transcripts from the University to demonstrate good academic standing as required under Award Requirements.
- Provide proof of registration for the next term/semester/school year.
- Submit completed assigned projects for review and acceptance if choosing the Check-Ins and Projects option.

Payment:

- Payments are to be made directly to the school/university.
- Payments related to reasonable out-of-pocket expenses or accommodation can be made directly to the student. Proof of lease agreement must be provided.
- Qualified recipients of the award will be covered for the entire duration of the schooling period. No annual applications are required so long as the award requirements are met.

Equal Opportunities Statement:

PNAO is committed to the principle of equal opportunity for all applicants. Scholarship awards are based on merit, qualifications, and need. Selection of applicants are made without regard to race, color, gender, religion or belief, family or parental status, or any other status. Our primary focus is to support PNA nationals seeking to broaden and increase their tuna fisheries related operational and management skills, in an effort to advance each Island Nations' betterment.