

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - FY 2026 U.S. South Pacific Scholarship Program

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361683>

Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0017983

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-04-16

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-05-29

Program Purpose: The FY 2026 U.S. South Pacific Scholarship Program (USSP) was established by the United States Congress to provide opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate degree students from South Pacific nations to study in fields important for the region's future development. Public Law 103-236 authorized academic scholarships to qualified students from the sovereign island nations of the South Pacific region to pursue degree study at institutions of higher education in the United States. Students from the following nations are eligible to apply for these scholarships: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. Fields of study are based on recommendations from U.S. Department of State EAP regional bureau representatives and Public Affairs Sections at U.S. embassies in the region. Students selected for these scholarships enroll in undergraduate degree programs or in master's degree programs. South Pacific student applicants will not require pre-academic English training, but at the master's level may benefit from up to one year of preparatory study in the U.S. prior to enrolling in a formal master's degree program if they possess the three-year baccalaureate degree commonly offered in the Pacific Islands region.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/ZoMgfuUDms7YNA8j7> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following: Review Criteria as outlined on pages 21-22, in the NOFO.
 - Ability to achieve program aims and purpose
 - Multiplier effect/impact
 - Institutional Capacity and Track Record
 - Performance Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.