



**Postgraduate Research Strategy Advisor
The University of the South Pacific
Suva, Fiji**

About the assignment

We are looking for a current or retired senior University leader with experience in postgraduate research management who can live and volunteer in a hybrid role both in-country (for at least three and up to six months) and online (up to seven months) in 2027 to:

- support the development of a comprehensive strategy to foster a culture of excellence in postgraduate research, enhance the postgraduate student experience and ensure consistent practice across all Schools and Centres; and
- support the professional development of staff in the Research Office.

About the University of the South Pacific

The University of the South Pacific is a supra-national university owned by 12 member countries that is recognised internationally for world-class education, the pursuit of knowledge and Pacific-focussed research. It plays a dynamic role in the Pacific region that is underpinned by its unique cultural identities. Its main campus is located in Suva, Fiji, with additional campuses in all 12 Pacific Island countries.

About Australian Academic Volunteers Abroad

Australian Academic Volunteers Abroad (AAVA) is a nonprofit organisation that supports the strategic development goals of universities in the Indo-Pacific region by matching their teaching and research priorities with suitably qualified and motivated volunteers who are current or recently retired senior academic staff from accredited universities.

About the Australian Volunteers Program

The Australian Volunteers Program is an Australian government-funded initiative which supports partner organisations across the Indo-Pacific region to achieve locally led change. Volunteers mobilised under this program receive well-being support, travel costs, insurances and a modest stipend. This is a safe and affordable way to make a difference.

Requirements

- Extensive senior leadership experience in postgraduate research education and management.
- Experience in undertaking reviews, evaluations, or quality assurance projects related to postgraduate research programs, policies and governance.
- Program volunteers must be Australian citizens, or holders of a Permanent Residency Visa of Australia, or New Zealand residents in Australia with a Special Category Visa.

Application

Submit an expression of interest with a brief CV to graham.schaffer@academicvolunteers.org.au. Further information at <https://www.academicvolunteers.org.au>.