

# PAPUA NEW GUINEA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (PNGUOT) GRADUATE ASSISTANT PROGRAM (GAP)

The Graduate Assistant Program (GAP) is a prestigious initiative by PNGUoT to develop the next generation of academics, researchers, and industry leaders. Established in 2001, GAP offers outstanding PNGUoT graduates the opportunity to pursue a Master's or PhD while contributing to the university's teaching and research activities.

## Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a PNGUoT graduate.
- Minimum GPA of 3.70/5.00 or equivalent.
- Graduated within the last 4 years.
- Applicants from business mode programs (EMBA & MSc.RSGIS) are ineligible.

### Current Postgraduate Students:

- Course-based programs: Eligible after one year with GPA of 4.25/5.00 or 80% average, plus recommendations.
- Research-based degrees (MPhil/PhD): Eligible after one year with at least one peer-reviewed publication and recommendations.

### Responsibilities of Graduate Assistants

- Enroll full-time in a Master's (2 years) or PhD (4 years) program.
- Teach up to 6 hours per week.
- Present at least one seminar annually.
- Commit to full-time study with no extensions beyond the set duration.

### Benefits

- Stipend
- Annual book and equipment allowance
- Tuition fee waiver (compulsory fee applies)
- University accommodation (rental deducted from stipend)
- For PhD scholars: one biennial return ticket from Lae to home province

### Application Process

1. GAP scholarships are advertised with other postgraduate programs online.
2. Application Submission:
  - New students: Complete the GAP form with your PG application online.
  - Continuing students: Complete the GAP form and email to [info.pgs@pnguot.ac.pg](mailto:info.pgs@pnguot.ac.pg).
3. Schools vet applications and recommend to the Faculty of Postgraduate Studies, Research & Innovation (FoPSR&I).
4. The Postgraduate Studies, Research & Innovation Committee (PSR&IC) reviews and endorses school recommendations.
5. Academic Board approves by endorsing PSR&IC resolutions.
6. Successful candidates receive Appointment Letters and the GAP Bond agreement.

### Important Notes

- Scholars must not accept other scholarships or employment during their study. Breach of this condition will require full repayment of scholarship funds.
- Termination may occur due to:
  - Unsatisfactory academic progress
  - Acceptance of another scholarship
  - Disciplinary issues



# Testimonials

## By Mr. Gau Tamayaku, GAP Scholar 2023–2024

*"As a GAP Scholar in Electrical and Communications Engineering, the program was one of the best experiences of my academic journey. Balancing study and teaching enhanced my confidence, communication, and research skills while sharpening my problem-solving abilities. Though time management was a challenge at first, it taught me discipline and resilience. I highly recommend the GAP program to graduates who want to grow both academically and professionally."*



## By Ms. Diandra-Joy Oli, GAP Scholar 2023–2024

*The PNGUoT Graduate Assistant Program (GAP) Scholarship has been transformative for me. It fully supported my MPhil in Geomatics studies while giving me hands-on teaching experience, professional skills, and confidence in GIS and remote sensing. Being part of the school activities and staff meetings also enriched my teamwork and academic experience. GAP has truly shaped my growth as a student and aspiring professional."*



## Kenson Tony, GAP Scholar (MSc in Applied Physics, 2020–2021)

*"The GAP program was a truly rewarding and transformative experience. It strengthened my academic, leadership and communication skills while providing valuable teaching and research opportunities. Although balancing duties was sometimes challenging, I gained significant professional growth. I highly recommend GAP as a vital bridge between study and real-world academic experience."*



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