



## **New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships**

Funded by the New Zealand Government and administered by Education New Zealand, the New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships (NZIDRS), are a significant educational opportunity. The scholarships provide financial support for international students undertaking doctoral degrees by research in New Zealand universities.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit.

### **A World Class Opportunity**

New Zealand universities provide the opportunity to study under internationally recognised academics and researchers in a wide range of disciplines. A qualification from a New Zealand university ranks with the best internationally.

New Zealand degrees have a reputation globally for being practical, modern and desirable. In some niche areas, such as biotechnology, forensic science and marine engineering, New Zealand degrees are acknowledged as world-leading.

Students educated in the New Zealand education environment are earning a reputation as a new breed of innovative thinkers and are enjoying success the world over.

### **Educational Partnership**

The New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships reflect the New Zealand Government's commitment to deepening New Zealand's educational partnerships with participating countries and regions. The New Zealand education system provides students with the knowledge and skills to achieve results equal to the world's best. The scholarship programme is about sharing this excellence with the rest of the world, and bringing the best from elsewhere to share their knowledge with New Zealand.

Up to 10 scholarship places will be awarded on an annual basis for students undertaking doctoral research at a New Zealand university.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for a scholarship students must:

- Be international students
- Please note that citizens of Fiji may not apply for the NZIDRS until further notice.
- Hold an 'A' average or equivalent in their studies to date
- Meet the requirements for direct entry into a research based doctoral degree programme at a New Zealand university. (Please note, this will include proof of English Language proficiency.)
- Provide: An Educational Credential Evaluation (ECE) Certificate. See 'Frequently Asked Questions' for further information including contact details for ECE and exceptions.
- Provide evidence that they have been in contact with the relevant department of their chosen institution and discussed their proposed research, research interests and the availability of appropriate supervision.
- Hold one of the following English language test scores, achieved no longer than two (2) years prior to the time of application:
  - An IELTS Academic Test with an overall score of at least 6.5 with no band less than 6; or
  - A TOEFL test score of at least 575, including a score of 4.5 in the Test of Written English; or
  - A score of 233 in the Computer based TOEFL, including an Essay Writing score of 4.5; or
  - An overall score of 100 in the Internet based TOEFL; or
  - Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) – Grade B;
  - Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) – Grade C

Applications will be considered from international doctoral students who meet the above criteria, including those who have already applied for entry to a New Zealand university. A limited number of scholarships are available to students already enrolled at a New Zealand university.

### **Scholarship Value**

Scholarships are awarded for three years (36 months) of full time study for a doctoral research degree. The scholarship funding covers full tuition fees, a monthly living allowance (NZ\$20,500 per annum), a travel allowance (NZ\$2,000), a health insurance allowance (NZ\$600), and a book and thesis allowance (NZ\$800). Recipients who are travelling to New Zealand in order to take up the scholarship are also entitled to receive an establishment allowance (NZ\$500). Funds are not available to support accompanying dependants.

### **Selection Process**

A selection committee of senior academics, appointed by Education New Zealand, will consider applications. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The applicant has a record of sustained academic excellence, particularly in the chosen field of study, as supported by academic transcripts and letters of reference.
- The applicant has a well-defined research programme or research interests, and wishes to study at a New Zealand university with the expertise and resources to support that research.
- The applicant meets all eligibility requirements with appropriate supporting documentation.
- All prospective candidates must have received final confirmed grades for their qualifying degree in order for their application to be considered.
- Prospective candidates who have already commenced their Doctorate in New Zealand, must be within the first 6 months of PhD enrolment as at the application close date.
- Prospective candidates who have completed more than 6 months of PhD enrolment at the application close date will not be considered.
- Incomplete applications and electronically submitted applications will not be considered under any circumstances. This is non-negotiable.

Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of the selection process.

### **Terms and Conditions of Awards**

The following terms and conditions apply to all scholarship holders:

- Scholarship holders must be enrolled for a research based doctoral programme of study at a New Zealand university. See 'Frequently Asked Questions' for further information.
- The scholarship is conditional upon gaining entry to a research based doctoral degree programme at a New Zealand university.
- The NZIDRS shall be tenable until the date of submission or until 36 months of active scholarship support has been provided, whichever is the earlier.
- Scholarship holders may not change their degree programme during tenure of the scholarship without written permission from their university and Education New Zealand.
- Scholarship holders may not simultaneously hold other scholarships funded by the New Zealand government. This includes, but is not limited to Commonwealth and NZAID Scholarships. See the 'Frequently Asked Questions' online for further information.
- Scholarship holders are responsible for securing an appropriate entry visa to New Zealand and for any fees associated with the visa, including a medical examination. The offer of a scholarship does not guarantee that such a visa will be granted.
- Scholarship holders are permitted to undertake up to twenty hours of employment per week at their host university in a teaching or research capacity within their field of study.
- To comply with the full-time study requirement of the NZIDRS, the amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake may not exceed the maximum number of hours stipulated by the Immigration Service, that is not more than 20 hours per week, and not more than a maximum of 500 hours per calendar year.
- Scholarship holders must maintain satisfactory progress and good standing as stipulated by their host university and degree programme, or the scholarship will be withdrawn.
- Scholarship holders must follow the rules and regulations of their host university and degree programme. Any suspension from the university will result in immediate suspension of the scholarship.
- Monthly stipends are not payable during suspensions, including suspension due to illness.

- Scholars may defer their NZIDRS funding for up to one year during the 3 year (36 months) tenure of the scholarship. Should scholars wish to suspend their studies for a period of more than 12 months (overall) during the tenure of their award, the scholarship shall cease.
- Candidates who hold New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency may not apply under any circumstances. Should a recipient apply for permanent residency or citizenship during the tenure of their scholarship, it will be withdrawn.
- A scholarship shall lapse in the event that a person to whom an award has been made fails to become admitted into their doctoral programme by the date set down by Education New Zealand in their letter of offer.
- Recipients shall comply with the Terms and Conditions of the award in place for the year in which they applied.

### How to Apply

- Download the application form and FAQ from [www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships](http://www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships)
- Complete the application form in English. Sign and date the declaration.
- Attach the supporting documents as stipulated on the application form.
- Send six copies of your application form and six copies of all supporting documents to either:

*Postal Address*

Scholarships Manager  
 Education New Zealand Trust  
 PO Box 10-500 Wellington  
 New Zealand 6143  
 Fax: +64 4 471 2828  
 Ph: +64 4 472 0788;

**OR** *Courier Address*

Scholarships Manager  
 Education New Zealand Trust  
 6th Floor, 138 The Terrace  
 Wellington 6011  
 New Zealand

Applications must be received by Education New Zealand no later than 5pm on **15 July** each year. In years where the 15<sup>th</sup> falls upon a weekend, applications will be accepted until 5pm the Monday immediately following the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that e-mailed applications and scanned official documents will not be accepted under any circumstances.

### More information

For more information or clarification about this scholarship please contact the Scholarships Manager at the above address, visit [www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships](http://www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships) for access to the FAQ, or e-mail [scholarships@educationnz.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@educationnz.org.nz).