



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.

Over the next two years the scholarship programme will be expanded progressively and renamed. From 2007, up to 100 doctoral and 100 undergraduate students will be studying under the programme at any one time. Up to 40 scholarships will be awarded for students undertaking doctoral study in the coming academic year.

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 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 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.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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
- 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:

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

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 **15 July** each year. In years where the 15th falls upon a weekend, applications will be accepted until 5pm the Monday immediately following the 15th.

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 or e-mail scholarships@educationnz.org.nz.