



## **New Zealand Postgraduate Study Abroad Awards**

Funded by the New Zealand Government - Administered by Education New Zealand

The New Zealand Postgraduate Study Abroad Awards (NZPSAA) are available to postgraduate students enrolled in either doctoral or master's degree programmes at a New Zealand institution whose research programme would benefit significantly from a short-term period of study or research abroad.

The objectives of the NZPSAA are to:

- maximise the research capability and output of New Zealand tertiary providers
- help New Zealand's top postgraduate students gain short-term access to some of the best educational institutions and opportunities abroad
- raise the international profile and reputation of New Zealand's tertiary educational institutions
- increase international education linkages and partnerships with participating countries, regions and institutions

NZ postgraduate students may apply for funding to cover short-term (up to six months) study or research abroad in the following categories:

- seminars, workshops or courses
- conferences, if attendee is presenting a paper
- cooperative research with researchers abroad
- independent research at facilities not available in New Zealand (e.g., research institutes, libraries, etc.).

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply students must be enrolled full-time at a New Zealand institution and hold good standing in a postgraduate degree programme, both at the time of application and throughout the tenure of the award.

International students are eligible to apply, but priority may be given to New Zealand citizens and permanent residents. Awards are available to students in any field of study.

### **Value**

The value of the award will vary widely, up to a maximum of \$10,000, according to the costs of the proposed project. The amount of funding will be determined by the selection committee. No funding is available for accompanying dependants.

Funding is intended to contribute to the costs of study or research abroad, but is not intended to cover all expenses. The funding may be used to cover travel, accommodation, registration fees, and/or research costs. As part of the application process, students must submit a detailed list of anticipated expenses.

- Students may concurrently receive awards or funding from other sources, for example, from their home institutions, in addition to the Study Abroad Award provided that the rules of the other award allow it and that no significant ongoing travel/conference allowance is associated with that award.
- Students may be required to provide further evidence of entitlements associated with other awards held.
- Any scholarships or awards held by the student at the time of application must be declared by the applicant on the Study Abroad Award application form.

## Selection criteria

The New Zealand Postgraduate Study Abroad Awards will be awarded on the following criteria:

- academic merit
- strength of the proposed research (well-defined, achievable within time stipulated, etc.)
- potential benefit of the proposed research abroad to the student's research programme
- the student's ability to represent both New Zealand and their home institution positively

The selection committee may also take into consideration the desired destination country of the applicant in order to achieve the desired percentages of students going to target locations.

## Target destinations

The following have been identified by the New Zealand government as target destinations for the NZPSAA.

<b>ASEAN</b> Brunei Darussalam Cambodia Indonesia Laos Malaysia Myanmar Philippines Singapore Thailand Viet Nam	<b>Latin America</b> Brazil Chile Mexico  <b>Asia</b> China (including Hong Kong and Macau) Korea Japan India  Taiwan is also a target study destination
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75% of the NZPSAA funds awarded must go to students wishing to study or carry out research in these target countries; the remaining 25% may be awarded for study or research in any country. If there are insufficient applications from students wishing to study or carry out research in the target countries to make use of the award funds, the total funds will not be spent, and the amount spent on non-target countries will be 25% of the total funding awarded, not 25% of the original funding available.

## Application and selection process

Students shall submit applications directly to the following address:

Scholarships Manager  
Education New Zealand  
PO Box 10-500  
Wellington.

The application will consist of:

- an application form, which includes personal information, a list of anticipated expenses, a statement of proposed research (with a detailed description attached), and the names of two referees
- two letters of reference, one of which must come from the supervising faculty member
- supporting informational documents, such as brochures or conference programmes, to provide the committee with information regarding your proposed research where relevant (optional)
- some form of correspondence from abroad confirming the student's participation in the proposed research programme (for example, a letter or email of invitation from a conference organiser if the student is presenting research, or a letter or email from a colleague abroad with whom the student will be carrying out research).

Note that the selection panel reserves the right to contact the applicant's referees and/or parties abroad to confirm and discuss the proposed research.

## Please note the application close dates of 1 May & 1 November each year

### Terms and conditions:

1. NZPSAA recipients must be enrolled full-time at a New Zealand institution and have good standing in their postgraduate degree programme, both at the time of application and throughout the tenure of the award.
2. NZPSAA funding is to contribute to the expenses of the NZPSAA holder only. No funding is available for accompanying dependants. Applications will not be accepted for retrospective travel.
3. NZPSAA holders may hold other awards and scholarships in conjunction with the NZPSAA provided the rules of the other award allow it. Other awards and scholarships held by the student at the time of application must be declared by the applicant on the application form.
4. The award will be a one-time payment before the student leaves New Zealand to pursue the proposed research programme. Should the research abroad not go ahead for any reason, the NZPSAA holder must immediately inform both their supervisor at their home institution and the Scholarships Manager at Education New Zealand. The student may be required to reimburse the full amount of the award.
5. NZPSAA holders are expected to return to their home institutions for at least one semester after the period of exchange or study abroad finishes, unless the study abroad leads to the completion of their qualification.
6. NZPSAA holders shall be required to share the results of their research or study abroad with colleagues in New Zealand. This shall take place within three months of their return to New Zealand, either through a written report circulated within the student's department or programme at their home institution, or by an oral presentation of research sponsored by the home institution. Evidence of either the report or the presentation must be sent to the Education New Zealand Scholarships Manager.
7. Candidates who intend to study in or travel to the Republic of Fiji must contact the Scholarships Manager in advance of submitting an application to discuss the purpose of their travel. These will be assessed on a case-by-case basis until further notice.

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