

KIA ORA FOUNDATION TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP IN SCIENCE

The funds for this Scholarship are provided by the Kia Ora Foundation, a non-profit organisation set up by Ms. Annette Campbell-White for educational purposes for New Zealanders.

Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to provide funds for individuals to travel overseas to undertake scientific research essential to their postdoctoral work. These awards are not intended for conference attendance.

Eligibility

Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents who are normally resident in New Zealand.

Applicants must be engaged in postdoctoral research, at a New Zealand university.

Tenure

The Scholarship is available to support periods of overseas travel for up to three months.

Value

There is a total of \$20,000 available for distribution annually which may be shared amongst a number of successful candidates. The funds may be used in any ways that help the researcher to meet the purposes of the award.

The Scholarships are tenable with other scholarships, provided the rules of the other scholarships allow for co-tenure, but account will be taken of the aggregate circumstances of the scholar and of the desirability of using available funds to best advantage.

Applications

Candidates shall enter for the Scholarship on an application form available from the Scholarships Office at the NZVCC or at that candidate's university. Applications close on 1 August.

The application should be accompanied by:

- (a) certified copy of birth certificate or other evidence of citizenship or permanent residence;
- (b) certified copy of the candidate's academic record;
- (c) outline of the research project, including details regarding the intended venue/institution/research group, to be visited and how the overseas travel will enhance or is necessary to the candidates research;
- (d) evidence that there are appropriate arrangements in place at the host organization to facilitate the candidate's visit;
- (e) signed statement from the candidate's employer/HOD commenting on how the overseas travel will enhance or is necessary to the candidates research;

- (f) names of two persons who will be forwarding, to the University Scholarships Office by 1 August, a written assessment of the candidate including achievements, potential, and suitability for the award;
- (g) signed NZVCC Privacy Form;
- (h) a budget for the intended period of travel.

Criteria

In considering the award the Selection Sub-Committee may take into account any or all of the following:

- relevance of the proposed project to New Zealand
- overseas support for the research: overseas university collaboration
- ability and previous experience in the chosen field, particularly as it relates to successful completion of the project within the allocated timetable and proposed subsequent career
- academic record and achievement to date
- evidence of how the overseas travel is necessary to the candidate's research.

Selection

The NZVCC shall make awards of the Scholarships on recommendation of a special Selection Sub-committee set up for the purpose. The sub-committee may consult with the universities and others as it deems fit.

The selection committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Administration

The scholarships will be administered by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee, Wellington, which will be responsible for receiving applications, assisting the Scholarship's Sub-Committee in the selection process, advising candidates of the results, arranging for payments, and reporting annually on the outcomes.

Power to Vary

The NZVCC may make such rules and regulations as it shall from time to time think fit governing the scholarships and may vary or revoke any rules and regulations and may deviate at the discretion of the NZVCC from strict adherence to any requirements relating to the scholarships according to the exigencies of the circumstances, provided always that such changes shall be consistent with the general purposes of the scholarship.