



## THE NEW ZEALAND-FRANCE FRIENDSHIP FUND EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The New Zealand-France Friendship Fund (NZFFF) was established in 1991 to promote friendly relations between the peoples of New Zealand and France.

It has Boards in New Zealand and France, which meet annually to award grants to projects which meet the Fund's philosophy of promoting friendly relations and understanding – often school exchanges, historical research, and cultural activities; and particularly targeting young people. The scholarship is intended to be a reciprocal arrangement with a high calibre French student studying in New Zealand and a high calibre New Zealand student travelling to France.

Candidates who wish to be considered for a scholarship tenable in France must be New Zealand citizens or Permanent Residents and must hold a minimum of a Bachelors degree of a high standard from a New Zealand university.

### *Scholarship Value and Criteria*

Study is tenable at Masters or PhD level. The successful scholar must study full-time in France for a minimum of two semesters, or a cumulative total of at least 12 months spread over the duration of the study programme, and will receive a one-off grant of NZ\$25,000 (irrespective of the number of years their study programme takes to complete).

Students may follow a study programme in any discipline in either French or English. Joint theses or co-tutelle frameworks are particularly valued as it ensures the thesis supervisors from both universities in France and New Zealand get to work together, which increases the chance of ongoing cooperation between the two institutions and countries.

In addition to the NZ\$25,000 grant, the student will receive social security cover through CNOUS, the "Centre National des Oeuvres Universitaires et Scolaires". The social security scholarship covers health and civil liability insurance for the duration of the study programme in France (i.e. this can be for more than one year according to actual time spent in France for

study purposes). The social security cover gives recipients the status of French Government scholarship student (Boursier du Gouvernement Français – BGF), which carries additional benefits (e.g. exemption from paying visa, medical exam and university enrolment fees\*).

Funds awarded by the Friendship Fund may be used for travel, tuition fees, rent and living expenses and other expenses approved by the Selection Committee. The scholar is expected to devote him or herself to study on a full-time basis during the tenure of the scholarship.

The scholarship may be tenable with other scholarships at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

\*However students may have to pay fees at Grandes Ecoles or Ecoles Spécialisées if these establishments are not attached to a university.

### *Applications*

Applications must be sent to the French Embassy in Wellington, not later than 31 December in any year preceding the start of the relevant academic year in France (September onwards). The applicant does not already have to have been accepted by a higher education establishment in France at the time of application for the scholarship.

Applications should be sent to the following address:

Embassy of France  
Cultural and Scientific Service  
Level 13, Sovereign House  
34-42 Manners Street  
PO Box 11 281  
WELLINGTON

Candidates must state 'Scholarship Application' on the envelope.

Applicants must use the appropriate Application Form and include all requested documents:

- a) Scholarship Application Form two Referees' Reports, Privacy Form;
- b) New Zealand Birth Certificate or passport (certified copies) or evidence of Permanent Residency;
- c) Curriculum Vitae;
- d) Academic Records (certified copies);
- e) Letter of motivation (in French or English) outlining why the applicant wants to study in France, should include the duration and level of study, whether the course is taught in French or English and whether the applicant is going as part of an exchange programme or within the

framework of a joint thesis (co-tutelle) agreement, including the actual time to be spent in France for study purposes.

f) An outline of course of study in France, including an outline of the methods of investigation you propose to adopt;

g) Attach a list of publications if applicable.

### *Selection*

The scholarship Selection Committee will consider applications and a selection meeting will take place in February.

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

### *Selection Committee*

The constitution of the Selection Committee shall be:

- One or two members of the New Zealand Board of the New Zealand-France Friendship Fund (one of whom will chair the meeting);
- Two representatives from the Cultural and Scientific Service, Embassy of France (one of whom will serve as Secretary of the meeting);
- One representative, nominated by Universities New Zealand.

### *Administration*

The scholarship will be administered jointly by Universities New Zealand, the French Embassy and the New Zealand-France Friendship Fund. Universities New Zealand will undertake to publicise the availability of the scholarship, convene the Selection Committee and pay the successful scholar. A representative from Universities New Zealand will also attend the meeting. The French Embassy will publicise the availability of the scholarship on its website, receive applications, assist the Selection Committee in the selection process and advise candidates of the results. The French Embassy will also arrange for social security cover to be put in place through CNOUS. The New Zealand-France Friendship Fund will publicise the availability of the scholarship on its website, participate in the selection process and pay the annual grant to Universities New Zealand for disbursement to the successful scholar.