
FREYBERG SCHOLARSHIP

(New Zealand Defence Scholarships)

Freyberg Scholarships are awarded for the purpose of encouraging graduate study into areas relevant to national security in the widest sense of that term.

Study should be undertaken at a recognised institution in New Zealand or an Asia-Pacific country, including Canada and the United States.

Preference may be given to applicants who have enrolled to study defence or strategic studies at a New Zealand university or who have enrolled in the Graduate Studies Programme in Strategy and Defence at the Australian National University.

Proposals for a course of study at an overseas institution located elsewhere will be considered on their merits.

It is intended that graduates return to New Zealand where it is hoped they will be better fitted to make a positive contribution towards debate and analysis of defence issues in fields such as government service, tertiary education, or journalism.

It is appropriate that the name of the late Lord Freyberg is associated with this scholarship given his distinguished record in the New Zealand Armed Forces and his great contribution to New Zealand security.

Eligibility

The scholarships are open to applications from New Zealand citizens or permanent residents who meet the following academic requirements:

- they should normally have obtained at least second class honours, division A, or equivalent in their qualifying degree and have completed academic studies in political science, history, economics or some other discipline that may be considered an appropriate foundation for such study.

Number and Value

One or more scholarships may be awarded annually.

NZ\$70,000 per annum will be available for the awards. Emoluments will be determined by the Selection Board.

Term

The tenure of a scholarship will be determined by the Selection Board and will normally be twelve months.

Scholars will commence their programme of study in the year following application and selection. With the approval of the Selection Board the commencement of the programme of study may be deferred to an agreed later date.

Applications

Candidates must complete an application using the Universities NZ online scholarships application website: <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com>

Candidates are requested by the Board to submit as part of their application:

- a statement of their school history (where relevant) and general activities
- a statement and evidence of their personal character and capacity for leadership, including an indication of future occupational intentions
- a statement detailing why they wish to undertake the proposed course of study and what they wish to gain from it
- the names of four referees
- the course outline from the relevant university's Calendar.

The closing date is 1 October at 5pm (NZ time).

Selection

Selection will be made by a Selection Board consisting of the Secretary of Defence, the Chief of Defence Force and the Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies, or their nominees.

The Selection Board will consider each application on its merits, including the institution at which the study is to be undertaken, and in every case final acceptance will be subject to the approval of the appropriate Board of Studies in the relevant university.

In awarding the scholarships the Selection Board will have regard not only to the educational attainment but also to the character and qualities of leadership of the candidates.

Due to the length of time required for completion of PhD study and the difficulty in tracking progress, preference will be given to applicants seeking funding for Master's level study.

No scholarships will be awarded if the Selection Board is of the opinion that there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

The Selection Board's decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Return to New Zealand

Candidates for the scholarships must undertake in writing that if awarded a scholarship they will, at the conclusion of their study under this scholarship, return to New Zealand to take up residence in New Zealand for not less than two years.

The Selection Board may however waive this requirement in any particular case or release scholarship holders from the undertaking given by them.

Full-time Study

Scholars are required to devote their whole time during the tenure of the scholarship to their programme of study and may not hold a position of employment, except on such terms and conditions as the Selection Board may from time to time allow.

Co-tenure

A scholarship may be tenable with any other scholarship, fellowship or award with the permission of the Selection Board.

In granting permission for co-tenure the Selection Board may impose such conditions as it thinks fit, whether as a reduction in the emolument of the scholarship or otherwise.

Reports and Theses

Every scholar shall furnish to the Selection Board, through Universities NZ for the Secretary of Defence, such reports that are required.

One copy of any thesis written is to be lodged with Universities NZ for the Secretary of Defence who will, in turn, provide a copy to the Chief of Defence Force.

Suspension or Termination

Following consultation the Selection Board may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship and the associated award payments if the Board is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing the agreed programme of study or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded.

A scholarship will be terminated and no further payments made if a scholar ceases to pursue the agreed programme of study.

Administrative Matters

Payments will be made to each scholar in such manner and on such conditions as the Secretary of Defence may from time to time determine. However, payments will normally be made six monthly in advance.

Scholars will be personally responsible for all costs associated with their time of study. This responsibility will include arranging and meeting the costs of travel to, from and in the country of study, and accommodation and all personal expenses during the tenure of the scholarship.

They are responsible for obtaining their own passports and for meeting the charges and levies required by their relevant university.