

FRANCE-NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH LINKAGE

Mobility Grants for University Research Students

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

Call for Applications: New Zealand Postgraduate Students' Mobility Grant to France

1. Purpose

- Strengthening strategic university cooperation between France and New Zealand is a priority that will significantly enhance our capacity to deliver world-class research and to develop innovative, jointly delivered postgraduate training programmes.
- As outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding signed by **France Universités** and **Universities New Zealand** on **4 November 2024**, both sectors are committed to building long-term, research-driven strategic partnerships. Facilitating the mobility of postgraduate students is a key component of this vision.
- The **2025 Mobility Grant** aims to support the travel of New Zealand postgraduate students to France. There are no restrictions regarding the nature of the mobility project; eligible activities include summer schools, short-term programs, and research internships.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1 – Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a **New Zealand citizen** or **permanent resident** (Note: Dual French-New Zealand nationals are not eligible).
- Be students undertaking research at a New Zealand university as part of their enrolment in a Masters or PhD degree in any field of study.

2.2 – Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on:

- Academic merit.

- Relevance and added value of the proposed mobility project.
- Future career objectives and motivation for undertaking the travel to France.

3. Grant Value

- The grant will support travel to **France**, including its overseas territories **New Caledonia** or **French Polynesia**.
- The French Embassy will award grants of:
 - **NZD 5,000** for mobility to mainland France.
 - **NZD 3,000** for mobility to New Caledonia or French Polynesia.
- Grants will be paid directly to successful applicants as soon as possible following notification of award, and no later than **30 November 2025**.

4. Application Process

4.1 – Timeline

- **Application deadline** : 30 September 2025
- **Mobility project must be completed by**: 15 June 2026

4.2 – Submission

- Applications must be submitted through the **Universities New Zealand online portal**: <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/Login.aspx>

4.3 – Language Requirements

- No prior knowledge of the **French language** is required to apply.

4.4 – Application Components

Applicants must provide the following:

A. Applicant Profile:

- CV and academic transcript.
- Statement of future career objectives.
- Letter of support from the academic supervisor.
- Copy of passport photo page with expiry date.

B. Project Description:

- Summary of the proposed mobility project and academic/research objectives.
- Statement outlining the relevance and added value of the proposed mobility project, including the motivation around the mobility.
- Tentative timeline including duration and key activities.
- Budget breakdown (travel, accommodation, insurance, visa costs), and details of co-funding, if applicable.

C. Expected Outcomes:

- Description of the anticipated impact and any intentions to strengthen future academic ties with France.

5. Selection Panel

5.1 – Panel Composition

- One representative of the **French Embassy in New Zealand and the Cook Islands, who shall Chair the panel.**
- Two representatives from **Universities New Zealand.**

5.2 – Evaluation Criteria

Criterion	Score (out of)
Academic record	5
Relevance of the mobility project	5
Motivation/Career aspirations	5
Expected outcomes	5
Total	20