

China-New Zealand Doctoral Research Scholarships (CNZDRS)

As an outcome of the Free Trade Agreement negotiations the New Zealand Government and the Government of the Peoples Republic of China have established a reciprocal Government Doctoral Research Scholarships programme. The scholarships were launched in April 2008 in conjunction with the signing of the NZ China Free Trade Agreement.

The New Zealand-China Doctoral Research Scholarships (NZCDRS) are funded by the New Zealand Government and administered by Education New Zealand. The scholarships provide financial support for up to 10 Chinese students each year to undertake a doctoral degree in New Zealand universities.

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Purpose

The CNZDRS provide financial support for up to 10 New Zealand students each year to undertake a doctoral degree in Chinese universities. The CNZDRS are available for study commencing from September 2009.

Eligibility

Applicants will be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents who have completed, at a New Zealand university, the requirements for a Masters degree in a field appropriate to their intended study.

Candidates must not be Chinese citizens.

Tenure

Each scholarship is available for three to four years according to the course of study.

It is expected that scholars would study for one degree at an approved Chinese university, i.e. one that is eligible to accept international students under a Chinese Government scholarship scheme.

Value

The scholarship provides a monthly living allowance, a one-off settlement subsidy after registration, an allowance to cover outpatient medical service, under a comprehensive medical insurance and benefit plan for international students in China.

Scholars are also given a one-off inter-city travel subsidy and are exempt from registration fees, tuition fees, laboratory fees, fees for internship, fees for basic learning materials and accommodation on campus.

Applications

Applicants must fill in the form from Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara and the Chinese Government application form (two copies); links to both forms can be found on the Universities New Zealand website. The forms must be submitted by 1 October.

The application forms should be accompanied by:

- (a) evidence of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency;
- (b) certified copy of the candidate's academic record and certified copy of the certificate of the highest degree obtained;
- (c) detail of the research project of no less than 500 words, including its relevance to the scholarship's purpose and the candidate's future career;
- (e) names of two persons who will be forwarding to the Scholarships Office by 1 October a written assessment of the candidate including achievements, potential, and suitability for the award;
- (f) signed Universities New Zealand Privacy Form;
- (g) passport sized photograph of the candidate.

Selection Board

The Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee will constitute the Selection Board.

The Selection Board will consider the applications and forward up to ten nominations to the Chinese Scholarships Council.

Criteria

In considering the applications the Selection Board shall take into account the applicant's:

- ability and previous experience in the chosen field, particularly as it relates to successful completion of the project and their subsequent career.
- academic record and achievement to date.

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

Administration

Application and selection in New Zealand will be administered by Universities New Zealand.

Universities NZ will be responsible for publicising the availability of the scholarships, receiving applications, assisting the Scholarship Board in the selection process and advising candidates of the results.

Power to Vary

Universities New Zealand 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 Universities New Zealand 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.