

## **China-New Zealand Doctoral Research Scholarships (CNZDRS)**

As an outcome of the FTA 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 FTA.

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 the requirements for a Masters degree in a field appropriate to their intended study, at a New Zealand university. (Candidates must not be Chinese citizens.)

### *Tenure*

The 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. The list of eligible universities can be found here:

<http://en.csc.edu.cn/Lianhua/c1e7463d02704511940e91faa7ba7942.shtml>

### *Value*

The scholarship provides a monthly living allowance of CNY 2,000 Yuan, a one-off settlement subsidy after registration; an allowance to cover outpatient medical service, 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.

Full details can be found in the 'Application procedures for applying for a Chinese Government Scholarship' here:

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### *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) birth certificate or other evidence of citizenship;
- (b) certified copy of the candidate's academic record and certified copy of the certificate of the highest degree obtained;
- (c) detailed outline 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.

### *Criteria*

In considering the award the selection Board shall take into account the:

- 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

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

### *Scholarship Board*

The Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee will consider the applications and forward up to ten applications to the Chinese Scholarships Council.

*Administration*

The scholarships will be administered by Universities New Zealand, Wellington, which will be responsible for publicising the availability of the scholarships, receiving applications, assisting the Scholarship's 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.