



New Zealand-ASEAN Scholars Awards Country Profile: Indonesia

Open to eligible candidates from the public, private and civil society sectors. The New Zealand-ASEAN Scholars Awards seek to empower individuals with the knowledge, skills and qualifications to contribute to sustainable economic, social and political development within ASEAN nations.

Background

The New Zealand-ASEAN Scholars Awards seek to make a substantial contribution to the ASEAN region's development by providing opportunities for postgraduate study - i.e. postgraduate diploma, master's and doctoral (PhD) degrees - in New Zealand.

The New Zealand-ASEAN Scholars Awards (NZ-AS) are part of the New Zealand's official development assistance to the ASEAN region. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), delivers this scholarship scheme, through the New Zealand Aid Programme.

Under the NZ-AS Awards, up to 50 scholarships per year are available for Indonesian applicants from a total of 182 scholarships allocated to candidates from ASEAN countries. The scholarships are for full time study at one of nine eligible New Zealand higher education institutions.

Themes

The NZ-AS focuses on fields of study in support of Indonesia's sustainable economic development, especially in the areas of agriculture, renewable energy (particularly geothermal energy) and disaster risk management. Candidates should be able to demonstrate how their proposed course of study will contribute to Indonesia's development needs and strategies.

Targeted Candidates

The New Zealand Aid Programme welcomes applicants from Indonesia who can demonstrate leadership qualities and academic excellence from both the Government and private sectors (which includes civil society groups, universities, development-focused organisations and charitable foundations).

Additional priority will be given to applicants with the following backgrounds:

1. **Geographic area:** Individuals from Eastern Indonesia (West Nusa Tenggara, East Nusa Tenggara, Maluku, North Maluku, Papua and West Papua). Eastern Indonesia is a geographic area of focus in New Zealand's bilateral development programme in recognition of the complexity of the development challenges faced within these sub-regions compared to most other parts of the archipelago. The New Zealand Aid Programme has had a longstanding association with Eastern Indonesia and we believe it is important to continue that commitment through developing human capital needs so the sub-region can progress and make the most of the opportunities that exist in these provinces for development.
2. **Government departments:** Individuals from the Ministries of Agriculture, Forestry, Mineral Resources and Energy, Marine Resources and Fisheries, Environment, Tourism, Education and Culture, Foreign Affairs, and Defence (civilian officials), including relevant research institutions under those Ministries, and also the National Police, the National Agency for Planning and Development, and the National Agency for Disaster Management.

Scholarship Benefits

Return air travel, full tuition fees, and an establishment allowance upon arrival in New Zealand, a living allowance to cover day to day costs, medical and travel insurance.

Where you can study

You can choose to study at any of nine New Zealand higher education , ie: Auckland University of Technology (AUT); Lincoln University; Massey University; University of Auckland; University of Canterbury; University of Otago; Victoria University of Wellington and University of Waikato; as well as Unitec Institute of Technology.

General Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should:

- be a citizen of Indonesia and have resided in Indonesia for at least two years at the time of application;
- not have citizenship/permanent residence status for New Zealand, Australia or another developed country¹, and not be married or engaged to be married to a person who holds citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand, Australia or another developed country;
- not hold or have held a New Zealand Government or Australia Government scholarship in the preceding 24 months at the time of application;
- preferably be under 40 years of age at the time of application for a master's degree and under 45 years of age for doctoral/PhD study;
- not be seeking support for a degree programme already commenced;
- not hold a qualification at a similar level or in a similar field of study at similar level (this means holders of bachelor's degrees should apply for Master's or PhD study, and Master's graduates should apply for PhD study);
- **International English test requirements²**: have a minimum IELTS (academic) results of 5.5 overall, with no band less than 5.0 or a iBT TOEFL score of more than 70 (result to be no older than 24 months at the time of application and international test result preferred);
- be available to take up the scholarship in the calendar year for which the scholarship is offered;
- hold a bachelor's degree of strong academic merit that is relevant to the proposed postgraduate qualification (note: the New Zealand Aid Programme gives preference to those candidates who hold degrees from Indonesian institutions rather than from a developed country);
- have a minimum of two years' work experience;
- be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to Indonesia's public sector and/or private sector and/or community sector (as relevant), and to the development of Indonesia in general;
- satisfy the admission requirements of the New Zealand institution in which the degree programme is to be undertaken (including English language criteria);
- satisfy New Zealand Government immigration requirements for international student entry to New Zealand (such as medical and character checks).

Note: Women candidates are encouraged to apply

Selection Criteria

Strong academic merit; demonstrated professional and personal leadership attributes; demonstrated developmental benefits to Indonesia; consideration of balance between public and private/civil society

¹ A developed country is defined as a country not included on the OECD's Development Assistance Committee's list of aid recipients

² As a general guideline, most New Zealand education institutions require a minimum IELTS score of 6.5 with no band less than 6.0 and International TOEFL (Internet-based test) required 90 with a writing score of 20. Some postgraduate qualifications may require a higher score.

sectors, gender and geographical spread and fit with the objectives of the Indonesia-New Zealand bilateral development cooperation programme.

Application and Selection Process

- Applicants must identify their desired university and course, and should assess their likelihood of meeting the university's entry requirements before submitting their scholarship applications;
- Applicants are required to submit two applications completed in English (one original and one copy) to PT Austraining Nusantara (PTAN) as address stated below. Both applications must be supported by original certified documents as stated in the application form. PhD candidates must already have a supervisor in place or at least have been corresponding with a potential supervisor (include evidence of correspondence with a potential supervisor)³. If a letter of offer has already been received from the university, this should also be submitted⁴ with the scholarship application;
- Applications will be assessed and a shortlist will be drawn up for consideration by a selection committee in Indonesia. Candidates might be contacted for an interview;
- A final decision will be made regarding the selection of candidates;
- Successful candidates will be informed of the outcome and a formal letter will be sent to those selected for a NZ-AS scholarship. Unsuccessful applicants will also be informed by email.
- Please note that we do not return the submitted applications. If you want your documents to be returned in case your application is not successful, please include an envelope with a stamp and the return address.

Timeframe

Activity	Time Frame
Closing date for applications to be submitted to PTAN	22 April 2014
Initial shortlisting of candidates (in consultation with NZ Universities and NZ Embassy)	May – September 2014
Final shortlisting and selection process (including interviews)	September - November 2014
Successful candidates informed and letter of offer sent out	December 2014
Pre-departure briefing English language training commences (for successful candidates who require additional ELT)	January 2015
Departure for New Zealand	February or June 2015

Contact for further information

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³ This correspondence evidence could be in email format.

⁴ Applicants are suggested to attach Letter of Offer from desired New Zealand Universities