



## **New Zealand-China Doctoral Research Scholarships Terms and Conditions**

The New Zealand Government and the Government of the Peoples Republic of China have established a reciprocal Government Doctoral Research Scholarships programme. 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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### **A World Class Opportunity**

New Zealand universities provide the opportunity to study under internationally recognised academics and researchers in a wide range of disciplines. A qualification from a New Zealand university ranks with the best internationally.

New Zealand degrees have a reputation globally for being practical, modern and desirable. In some niche areas, such as biotechnology, forensic science and marine engineering, New Zealand degrees are acknowledged as world-leading.

Students educated in the New Zealand education environment are earning a reputation as a new breed of innovative thinkers and are enjoying success the world over.

### **Educational Partnership**

The New Zealand-China Doctoral Research Scholarships reflect the New Zealand Government's commitment to deepening New Zealand's educational partnership with China.

The New Zealand education system provides students with the knowledge and skills to achieve results equal to the world's best. The scholarship programme is about sharing this excellence with the rest of the world, bringing the best from China to share their knowledge with New Zealand, and for students to return home to assist in the development of China.

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible for a NZCDRS, applicants must:

- be a national of the Peoples Republic of China and be residing in the Peoples Republic of China;
- be aged between 20 and under 45 years of age as at 1 January in the year of NZCDRS study commencement;
- have been residing in the Peoples Republic of China for at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship;
- not have citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand, Australia, or another developed country;
- not have access by marriage to a place in a New Zealand education institution on the basis of New Zealand or Australian permanent residency status;
- not hold another scholarship (in New Zealand or another country) immediately before or during the period of the NZCDRS scholarship;
- not hold a qualification at a similar level or in a similar field of study at a similar level (ie, applicants should apply for a higher level qualification than previously attained);
- be able to take up the scholarship in the calendar year for which it is offered;
- hold an 'A' average or equivalent in their studies to date;
- meet the requirements for entry into a research based doctoral degree programme at a New Zealand university, including proof of English Language proficiency, as outlined below;
- have their academic credentials vetted by the China Scholarship Council;
- provide evidence that they have been in contact with the relevant department of their chosen institution and discussed their proposed research, research interests and the availability of appropriate supervision.

## **English Language Requirements**

In addition, applicants must hold one of the following English language test scores, achieved no longer than two (2) years prior to the time of application:

- An International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Test with an overall score of at least 6.5 with no band less than 6; or

- A Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test score of at least 575, including a score of 4.5 in the Test of Written English; or
- A score of 233 in the Computer based TOEFL, including an Essay Writing score of 4.5; or
- An overall score of 100 in the Internet based TOEFL; or
- Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE) – Grade B; Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) – Grade C.

### **Scholarship Value**

Scholarships are awarded for three years of full time study for a doctoral research degree. The scholarship funding covers full tuition fees, a monthly living allowance (NZ\$1708 per month), a travel allowance (NZ\$2,000 over the full tenure of the award), a health insurance allowance (NZ\$600), and a book and thesis allowance (NZ\$800 over the full tenure of the award). Recipients who are travelling to New Zealand in order to take up the scholarship are also entitled to receive an establishment allowance (NZ\$500). Funds are not available to support accompanying dependants.

### **Selection Process**

The China Scholarship Council will collect applications and forward the applications Education New Zealand via the New Zealand Embassy. Individual applicants should not apply to Education New Zealand directly.

A selection committee of senior academics, appointed by Education New Zealand, and government officials will consider applications. Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The applicant has a record of sustained academic excellence, particularly in the chosen field of study, as supported by academic transcripts and letters of reference.
- The applicant has a well-defined research programme or research interests, and wishes to study at a New Zealand university with the expertise and resources to support that research.
- Gender balance is a priority and female candidates are encouraged to apply; every effort will be made to ensure the scholarships are distributed equally between male and female candidates.
- The applicant meets all eligibility requirements with appropriate supporting documentation.

The China Scholarship Council will be notified in writing of the outcome of the selection process.

The New Zealand Embassy will communicate the outcome to the individual applicants.

## **Terms and Conditions of Awards**

The following terms and conditions apply to all scholarship holders:

- Scholarship holders must be enrolled for a research based doctoral programme of study at a New Zealand university. See Education New Zealand's 'Guidelines for Applicants' for further information. Available online at [www.newzealandeducated.com](http://www.newzealandeducated.com)
- The scholarship is conditional upon gaining entry to a research based doctoral degree programme at a New Zealand university.
- Scholarship holders may not change their degree programme during tenure of the scholarship without written permission from their university and Education New Zealand.
- Scholarship holders may not simultaneously hold other scholarships funded by the New Zealand Government, or have held a scholarship funded by the New Zealand Government in the preceding 24 months at the time they would commence their study. This includes, but is not limited to New Zealand Agency for International Development (NZ Aid) Scholarships. (See the Education New Zealand's 'Frequently Asked Questions' online for further information.)
- Scholarship holders are responsible for securing an appropriate entry visa to New Zealand and for any fees associated with the visa, including a medical examination. The offer of a scholarship does not guarantee that such a visa will be granted.
- Scholarship holders may be eligible to work up to 20 hours per week, subject to New Zealand's immigration regulations for international students.
- Scholarship holders must maintain satisfactory progress and good standing as stipulated by their host university and degree programme, or the scholarship will be withdrawn.
- Scholarship holders must follow the rules and regulations of their host university and degree programme. Any suspension from the university will result in immediate suspension of the scholarship.
- Monthly stipends are not payable during suspensions, including suspension due to illness.
- Candidates who hold New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency may not apply under any circumstances. In addition, recipients are unable to apply for New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency during the tenure of the scholarship or within the two year period after completion of the scholarship.
- Scholarship recipients are required to sign a Letter of Scholarship Offer which sets out the terms and conditions of the scholarship.
- A scholarship shall lapse in the event that a person to whom an award has been made

fails to become admitted into their doctoral programme by the date set down by the New Zealand Embassy in the Letter of Scholarship Offer.

- Recipients shall comply with the Terms and Conditions of the award in place for the year in which they applied.

### **Additional information**

- First priority will be given to applicants in areas of study that reflect China's priority sectors for development, as set in consultation with the China Scholarship Council.

### **How to Apply**

- Download the application form and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)/Guidelines for Applicants from [www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships](http://www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships)
- Complete the application form in English. Sign and date the declaration.
- Attach the supporting documents as stipulated on the application form.
- Send six copies of your application form and six copies of all supporting documents to:

#### *Postal and Courier Address*

Project Manager  
China Scholarship Council  
Level 13, Building A3  
No 9 Chegongzhuang Avenue  
Beijing 100044  
P.R. China

Applications must be received by the China Scholarship Council by 1 July each year. In years where the 1st falls upon a weekend, applications will be accepted until 5pm the Monday immediately following the 1st. The China Scholarships Council will then send the applications to Education New Zealand for selection.

Please note that e-mailed applications and scanned official documents will not be accepted under any circumstances.

### **More information**

For more information or clarification about this scholarship please contact the Scholarships Manager at the above address, visit [www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships](http://www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships) or e-mail

[scholarships@educationnz.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@educationnz.org.nz).

The New Zealand Education Counsellor based at the New Zealand Embassy in Beijing is also able to provide further information on the NZCDRS scheme:

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