

New Zealand ASEAN Scholars Awards

Vietnam Country Portfolio

Background

New Zealand is a long-standing partner of ASEAN and the *New Zealand ASEAN Scholars awards* is an initiative which will contribute to the commitments made in the Joint Declaration for ASEAN-New Zealand Comprehensive Partnership (JCP) 2010-2015. The JCP aims to strengthen New Zealand's relationship with ASEAN and support the Initiative for ASEAN Integration to close the development gap for the developing member states.

The *New Zealand ASEAN Scholars awards* are part of the New Zealand's official development assistance to the ASEAN region. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, through the New Zealand Aid Programme, delivers this scholarship scheme.

New Zealand ASEAN Scholars awards empower future leaders with the knowledge, skills and qualifications to make key contributions to economic, social and political development within ASEAN nations. 178 *New Zealand ASEAN Scholars awards* are allocated for eligible students from Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam to undertake post-graduate study at a tertiary institution in New Zealand.

Type and Number of Scholarships

The *New Zealand ASEAN Scholars awards* are for full-time postgraduate level study, i.e. Masters degrees or Doctorates (PhD) in New Zealand. An indicative allocation of 30 scholarships is made available for Vietnamese nationals who wish to obtain a postgraduate degree in New Zealand commencing 2014.

Successful applicants are entitled to return air travel, full tuition fees, establishment allowance, a living allowance to cover day to day costs, medical and travel insurance and reunion airfare for unaccompanied awardees.

English Language Requirements

New Zealand tertiary education institutions set their own admission requirements for English language proficiency. All applicants should check the IELTS¹ or TOEFL² score required for admission to the New Zealand education institution that they have applied to.³

¹ International English Language Testing System – academic stream

² As a general guideline, most New Zealand education institutions require a TOEFL score of 575 with a TWE of 5; or 250 on the computer-based test; or 90 on the internet-based test with a writing score of 20. Some institutions may require a higher or lower score.

³ As a general guideline, most New Zealand education institutions require a minimum IELTS³ score of 6.5, with no band less than 6.0, for postgraduate level study. Some postgraduate qualifications may require a higher score

Fields of Study

Applicants from all fields are encouraged to apply. The suggested disciplines are as follows:

- **Agriculture and Rural Development**
For example: Animal Health, Plant Health, Phytosanitary, Agricultural and Horticultural Science, Food Safety and Food Quality, Post Harvest Technologies, Biotechnology, Bio-security, Vegetables Production, Livestock, Aquaculture, Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Economics;
- **Environment**
For example: Environmental Studies, Environmental Planning and Management, Environmental Economics, Natural Resources Management, Climate Change Adaptation, Land Administration, Land Planning & Development, Water Resources, Renewable Energy, Oceanography, Seismic/earthquake Engineering, Emergency Management, Hazard Assessment and Management;
- **Education**
For example: Early Childhood Education and Development, Education Leadership and Management, Education Policy, Testing and Evaluation, TESOL, Vocational Education;
- **Trade and Business Development**
For example: Trade Facilitation, International Trade, Trade Policy, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) Development, Private Sector Management, Development Economics, Applied Economics, Value Chain, Accountancy, Finance, Banking, Commerce, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Supply Chain Management;
- **Tourism**
For example: Tourism Management, Tourism Planning, Sustainable Tourism, Ecotourism;
- **Governance**
For example: Public Management, Public Policy, Public Administration, Law, Justice, Legal and Judicial Reform;
- **Cross-cutting Disciplines**
For example: Human Rights, Gender, Women Studies.

Eligibility

Candidates from public institutions, civil society, NGOs and the private sector throughout Vietnam are all eligible to apply.

To be eligible for a *New Zealand ASEAN Scholar* award, an applicant must

- be a citizen of Viet Nam;
- not have citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand, Australia or another developed country⁴;
- not be married or engaged to be married to a person who holds, or who is eligible to hold, citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand, Australia or another developed country;
- hold a recognised Bachelors degree for Masters candidates and Masters degree for PhD candidates;
- **have an unconditional offer of place from a tertiary institution in New Zealand;**

⁴ A developed country is defined as a country not included on the OECD's Development Assistance Committee's list of aid recipients.

- be under 40 years of age at the time of application for Masters and under 45 years of age at the time of application for PhD;
- have a minimum of two years work experience (candidates under 25 years of age without work experience are eligible to apply if academic excellence and/or future leadership potential are demonstrated).

Applicants who already hold a Masters degree are eligible to apply for a Masters degree under the *New Zealand ASEAN Scholar award* as long as they could clearly demonstrate the developmental relevance and applicability of their proposed study programme to the development of Vietnam.

Selection Criteria

- Strong academic merit;
- Demonstrated professional and personal leadership attributes;
- Demonstrated developmental benefits to Vietnam;
- Consideration of balance between public, private and civil society organizations/NGOs;
- Consideration of geographical spread and fit with the objectives of the Vietnam-New Zealand bilateral development cooperation programme.

Application and Selection Process

- The *New Zealand ASEAN Scholars awards* applicants must identify the desired course and seek an offer of place from the institution in New Zealand;
- The *New Zealand ASEAN Scholars awards* applicants submit 02 applications completed in English (one original and one copy), including a copy of the letter of offer from a tertiary institution in New Zealand, **directly to the New Zealand Embassy in Hanoi**. PhD students must also include evidence of correspondence with a potential supervisor. Applicants are encouraged to download the application form at www.nzembassy.com/viet-nam. Application forms are also available from the New Zealand Embassy in Ha Noi;
- Applications are assessed and a short list is drawn up for consideration by a Selection Committee in Vietnam. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview;
- The list of selected candidates is submitted to a Moderation Committee for review and approval.

Indicative Timeframe

01 July 2013	Deadline for application to the New Zealand Embassy in Hanoi
Jul-Aug 2013	Formal screening, short listing and selection by a Selection Committee in Hanoi
Sept 2013	Review and approval by Moderation Committee
Oct-Nov 2013	Final results and Letters of Scholarship Offer
Nov - Dec 2013	Visa application
Jan-Feb 2014	Travel arrangements, Pre-departure briefing and Departure for New Zealand

Contact for further information

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