

Prime Minister's Scholarships (PMS) - Criteria for Assessing Individual Applications

The goals of the PMS are to:

- strengthen New Zealand institutions' connections with their counterparts in key Asian or Latin American countries
- promote understanding of the strength and quality of New Zealand's education system and raise awareness in Asia or Latin America of New Zealand as a preferred education destination
- develop global citizens and improve the international skills of the New Zealand workforce
- strengthen people to people connections between New Zealand and countries in Asia or Latin America through participants building lifelong friendships and networks
- strengthen New Zealand's ability to engage with key Asian or Latin American trading partners
- improve New Zealanders' understanding of Asian or Latin American business practices and cultures

Criteria 1. <u>Alignment</u> of the candidate's programme with scholarship goals (mark out of 15, where 15 is high)	Criteria 2. <u>Quality</u> of the proposed plan (mark out of 20, where 20 is high)	Criteria 3. <u>Quality</u> of the Candidate – The candidate's <u>personal attributes</u> (mark out of 15, where 15 is high)
Candidate's application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shows a clear understanding of all of the PMS aims/goals <u>and</u> why they are important - Clearly outlines how they, <u>and</u> their programme links to New Zealand's education, trade and economic agenda in the region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richness of plan – candidate's plan outlines a range of activities that together contribute to the goals of the scholarship (i.e. not just single focus) - Outlines the benefits of proposed programme in the short and long term, and how it links with their career aspirations - Candidate's video clearly demonstrates their positive motivation to achieve personal goals and the goals of the scholarship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Candidate demonstrates personal attributes that means they will represent both New Zealand and their home institution positively, particularly the value of their New Zealand education experience - Candidate's referee reports positively support application - Overall impression of candidate is highly favourable - Candidate has the ability to succeed in their chosen programme - Candidate demonstrates a prior or current commitment to the region