

Prime Minister's Scholarships (PMS) for Asia and Latin America

The Prime Minister's Scholarship is a programme funded by the New Zealand government and administered by Education New Zealand. The scholarship aims to:

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

Long-term outcomes of the scholarship – we want Prime Minister's Scholarship recipients

- Applying their skills, knowledge and abilities; embracing different cultural contexts and developing as genuine, respectful global citizens, and
- Using their skills, knowledge and networks to contribute to engagement and cooperation between New Zealand and key trading partners

The PMS is awarded to individuals and contributes towards specified costs relating to study, internship or research. Programmes must be a minimum of 6 weeks for PMSA and 4 weeks for PMSLA and not exceed 24 months. Maximum funded weeks over 24 months is 72.

The value of the scholarship

1. Individuals on exchange, internship or other independent programmes

- tuition fees for offshore institutions (not NZ fees)
- contribution towards internship admin fees (not accommodation or living costs), capped at NZ\$530 per week, or actual, if fee is less
- return flights NZ-Latin America - NZ\$2,500; -Asia NZ\$2,000
- contribution to living, accommodation, visa, insurance costs of NZ\$270 per week on programme:
 - ~ a one-semester exchange or study abroad programme is supported for 18 weeks: NZ\$4,860
 - ~ a two-semester exchange or study abroad programme is supported for 36 weeks: NZ\$9,720
 - ~ a full-year academic programme is supported for 36 weeks: NZ\$9,720
 - ~ a two-year academic programme is supported for 72 weeks: NZ\$19,440

Where?

PMSA - ENZ's promote countries in Asia (in no particular order) are China, India, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Japan and Korea.

Given the increasing competitiveness of the scholarships, applications from beyond ENZ promote countries would need to be exceptional to receive funding.

PMSLA - Preference is currently for applicants undertaking appropriate programmes in ENZ's promote countries in Latin America: Brazil, Colombia and Chile. Other Latin American countries such as Mexico and Argentina are also included. The destination institution should have a formal relationship with a New Zealand institution.

What?

Applicants must propose programmes that can be demonstrated to be linked to New Zealand's education, economic or trade agenda in Asia or Latin America, and may include business, social sciences, the creative arts and culture, indigenous studies, ICT/new media.

Programmes must be full-time and can be:

1. An undergraduate or postgraduate (including language programmes) part or whole programme in a relevant subject area at an approved institution. Exchange programmes are included here.
2. A full-time internship (or part-time with additional study). Internships for longer than 12 weeks may be considered.
3. Education, trade or economic-related research or development. Research applicants other than existing language teachers, must be currently enrolled at a New Zealand tertiary institution in a master's or PhD programme.

Who can apply? Candidates must be:

- at least 18 years old at the date of applying for the scholarship, *AND*
- a New Zealand citizen or hold Permanent Resident status and in all cases be ordinarily resident in New Zealand, i.e., have resided in NZ for 12 of the previous 24 months.

Selection Criteria

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria and whose programme clearly meets the goals of the scholarship, will additionally be expected to display academic strengths and personal attributes such as independence, initiative, maturity, and confidence . . . plus

- The potential to succeed in academic study abroad
- The ability to represent New Zealand (and, where relevant, their home institution) positively; particularly the quality of a New Zealand education experience
- And most importantly - be willing and prepared to put into practice the aims of the scholarship.

Recipients are expected to take primary responsibility for their own health, safety and welfare while overseas. Recipients must have regard to the risks and dangers specific to their destination and must not unnecessarily place their health, safety or welfare at risk. Recipients must register on **SafeTravel**, and medical and travel insurance is mandatory – see website for types of acceptable cover.

Application 'Rounds'

Education New Zealand holds two ONLINE Application Rounds annually. Application information is at <https://enz.govt.nz/funding/>

August Round: Scholarship applications must be received by 11.59 pm **30 August**.

March Round: Scholarship applications must be received by 11.59pm **30 March**.

GENERAL NOTES: Applicants...

1. May hold other scholarships, awards or grants in addition to the PMS (if those other awards allow). The PMS amount awarded may take this into account.
2. May apply for a second Prime Minister's Scholarship only if their first award was as a member of a group PMS programme.
3. Cannot apply to study at a campus or delivery site of a New Zealand institution in Asia or Latin America.
4. Must start their programme at least 8 weeks **after** the deadline of this scholarship application.
5. In choosing your offshore institution, please undertake due diligence on the quality of the institution – if you are unsure, your NZ institution's international office may be able to help.