**Prime Minister’s Scholarships for Latin America - Criteria for Assessing Group Applications**

**The goals of the PMSLA are to:**

* strengthen New Zealand institutions’ connections with their counterparts in key Latin American countries
* promote understanding of the strength and quality of New Zealand’s education system and raise awareness in Latin America 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 Latin America through participants building lifelong friendships and networks
* strengthen New Zealand’s ability to engage with key Latin American trading partners
* improve New Zealanders’ understanding of Latin American business practice and culture

**Importantly, proposed programmes must be** **demonstrably linked to New Zealand’s education, trade or economic agenda in Latin America.**

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| **Criteria 1. The alignment of the organisation’s programme with scholarship goals** (mark out of 20, where 20 is high) | **Criteria 2. The quality of the proposed programme** (mark out of 10, where 10 is high) | **Criteria 3. Recipients** (mark out of 10, where 10 is high) | **Criteria 4. Planning**  (mark out of 10, where 10 is high) |
| * Programme will raise the profile of NZ as a quality education destination * In particular, programme will further the internationalisation of NZ’s tertiary institutions to a high extent * Programme clearly links to New Zealand’s education, trade and economic agenda in Latin America * Application shows a clear understanding of the PMSLA goals & their importance and programme meets all (or most) of the goals of the PMSLA | * Programme is clearly within scholarship parameters * Quality of the programme activities and partner institution (where relevant) is high * Institutional outcomes are clearly articulated and achievable * Benefits to the individual; the faculty/ department; the institution, and New Zealand education, in the short and long term are clearly identified   If programme is a repeat, the benefits and outcomes of previous PMSLA supported programmes are well articulated and demonstrated | * Recipient outcomes are clearly articulated and achievable * Outcomes for individual recipients are aligned with the goals of the PMSLA * Pastoral care plan is comprehensive, well-articulated and adequate * Selection process will ensure candidates will represent both New Zealand and their home institution positively, particularly the value of their New Zealand education experience | * Promotional plan is well articulated and adequate * Promotional plan includes activity prior to departure, during programme, and on completion and the planned activities and are relevant and of high quality * Promotional plan clearly shows opportunities to showcase the institution, the PMSLA and NZ education. * Programme budget for additional activities is clear and detailed (if specified) * Programme budget is reasonable and represents value for money |