



## **New Zealand Undergraduate Study Abroad Awards**

Funded by the New Zealand Government - Administered by Education New Zealand

### **Terms & Conditions**

The New Zealand Undergraduate Study Abroad Awards (NZUSAA) are available to students enrolled in an undergraduate diploma or degree programme at a New Zealand institution who wish to complete part of their qualification overseas. The NZUSAA are available to students enrolled at universities, institutes of technology and polytechnics.

The objectives of the NZUSAA are to:

- raise the international profile and reputation of New Zealand's tertiary education institutions, particularly among students abroad
- increase international education linkages and partnerships with participating countries, regions and institutions
- increase the number of New Zealand students participating in study abroad while completing an undergraduate New Zealand qualification
- contribute to the academic programme of New Zealand's undergraduate students by helping them gain short-term access to some of the best educational institutions and opportunities abroad

The scholarship is a one-off payment meant to contribute to costs relating to the exchange or study abroad programme, and not to fully cover those costs. No funds are available for accompanying dependants.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for a NZUSAA, students must:

- be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- be enrolled in a degree programme or a diploma programme (NZQA level 5 or above) at a New Zealand institution<sup>1</sup>
- be accepted by their home institution and (where applicable) their destination institution for participation in an exchange or short-term study programme abroad.
- have successfully completed at least one semester of full-time study at the time of application
- have a B average or above. In New Zealand, this equates to a Grade Point Average of 5.00/9.00.

### **Value of the Award**

In most cases, the awards will carry a value of \$3,000 for one semester, and \$5,000 for two semesters. The selection committee will have the discretion to vary these amounts where appropriate based on length of study and destination country.

### **Selection criteria**

The selection criteria of the New Zealand Study Abroad Awards will include both "ambassadorial" and academic qualities of the applicants. Students will be expected to display:

- the potential to succeed in academic study abroad (including both academic strengths and such personal traits as independence, initiative, maturity, and confidence)
- the ability to represent both New Zealand and their home institution positively
- the ability to communicate effectively, including across cultures

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<sup>1</sup> Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics may also nominate students enrolled in level 4 certificate programmes with an established overseas component considered a substantial enhancement to the certificate; in such cases, institutions must include in the nomination materials a statement of support justifying the consideration of the level 4 certificate student for an award.

The selection committee may also take into consideration the desired destination country of the applicant in order to achieve the desired percentages of students travelling to target destinations.

### Targeted destinations

The following destinations have been identified by the New Zealand government as target study locations for the NZUSAA:

<b>ASEAN</b> Brunei Darussalam Cambodia Indonesia Laos Malaysia Myanmar Philippines Singapore Thailand Viet Nam	<b>Latin America</b> Brazil Chile Mexico  <b>Asia</b> China (including Hong Kong and Macau) Korea Japan India  Taiwan is also a target study destination
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The NZUSAA aims to allocate 67% of funding to particular study destinations. However, if students are travelling elsewhere they should still apply as the Selection panel regularly allocate funding to other destinations.

### Application and selection process

Students must complete the NZUSAA Application form and submit it to the Student Exchange Manager/Coordinator of their **home institution**. They must be taking part in a formal exchange for credit towards their New Zealand qualification and must meet the deadlines of both their home institution and (if applicable) their destination institution.

Institutions will then nominate students for the Study Abroad Awards by forwarding a ranked list of recommended recipients, along with their application materials and academic transcripts, to Education New Zealand, who will pass these materials on to an appointed central cross-sector selection panel.

Institutions: Please see the separate document entitled *New Zealand Undergraduate Study Abroad Awards: Nomination Forms and Guidelines* for further details on the nomination process.

In order to effectively assess the selection criteria, institutions will be required to interview all students nominated for a Study Abroad Award *prior to nomination* (those institutions which do not routinely interview students for study abroad and exchange programmes will need to set up an interview process for these awards).

Although universities and ITPs are following the same selection process and using the same forms, there are pre-set sector allocations of award funds, so that students from the university and ITP sectors will at no point be in direct competition for awards or funds.

**Please note that all nomination documents must be received by ENZ by the 1st of May and the 1st of November each year.**

**Any questions regarding the nomination process or documents required may be directed to ENZ at [scholarships@educationnz.org.nz](mailto:scholarships@educationnz.org.nz).**

## **NZUSAA Terms and conditions**

1. NZUSAA holders must be enrolled in an undergraduate qualification, and undertaking coursework for which they will receive credit for that qualification, both at the time of application and throughout the period of study abroad. Students who abandon their study while abroad may be required to repay the NZUSAA funds.
2. NZUSAA holders in the university sector must be participating in a formal exchange programme for which there is a signed, formal student exchange agreement between the destination and home universities.
3. NZUSAA holders in the ITP sector must be participating in a formal exchange or study abroad programme which is recognized and supported by their home institution.
4. NZUSAA holders must begin their study abroad in the term or semester for which the award was made (no extended holidays or working holidays abroad prior to beginning study).
5. NZUSAA holders are allowed to hold other scholarships in addition to the NZUSAA.
6. NZUSAA holders are expected to return to their home institutions for at least one semester after the period of exchange or study abroad finishes, unless the study abroad leads to the completion of their qualification.
7. NZUSAA holders must undertake some kind of promotional exercise or activity at their host institution while abroad (if appropriate) AND at their home institution when they return from an exchange. These promotional activities—usually a brief informal talk—must be planned in consultation with officials at the institutions concerned, and must be sponsored by those institutions. Students may seek the assistance of their home institution in approaching the officials at their institution abroad to set up the promotional activity if desired.