

Prime Minister's Scholarship programme (PMSP) for Asia and Latin America - Scholarship Guidelines

The Prime Minister's Scholarship, Ngā Karahipi a te Pirīmia mō Āhia me Amerika ki te Tonga, is a programme funded by the New Zealand government and administered by Education New Zealand Manapou ki te Ao. The programme provides scholarships to New Zealand citizens or permanent residents who are passionate about making a difference, and who want to contribute to local and global communities. The scholarship supports recipients to study a course or undertake an internship that is linked to New Zealand's education, economic or trade agenda in Asia or Latin America.

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 partners' business practices and culture

Long-term outcomes of the scholarship:

The Scholarship programme also addresses Goal 3 of the International Education Strategy in relation to Global Citizens, whereby Prime Minister's Scholarship recipients:

- Develop as Global Citizens, gain knowledge and skills to live, work and learn globally
- Build stronger global connections, research links and partnerships
- Take action that benefits their communities and wider New Zealand
- Champion the benefits of international education so that these are embraced and understood by New Zealanders
- Engage with the growing Prime Minister's Scholarship alumni community to create local and global impact, and to support future Prime Minister's scholarship applicants

The PMSP is awarded to individuals and contributes towards specified costs relating to study and internship programmes. Programmes must be a minimum of 6 weeks for Asia and 4 weeks for Latin America and not exceed 24 months. The maximum number of funded weeks over 24 months is 72 weeks.

The value of the scholarship:

1. **Individuals on exchange, internship or other independent programmes**
 - tuition fees to undertake a course in Asia or Latin America (not NZ fees);
 - brokerage fees of approved internship providers (for internships only);
 - return economy flights Asia-NZ \$2,500 or Latin America-NZ \$3,500;

- contribution to living and accommodation costs of \$250 for each week actively on programme in Asia or Latin America;
- travel and medical insurance;
- contribution to visa fees up to a maximum of \$200;
- additional funding of up to \$20,000 per group programme application at the discretion of the selection panel. This will be sourced from within the appropriated funding for the Prime Minister's Scholarships.

Destinations:

PMSA - Current eligible countries in Asia are: Greater China (including Hong Kong and Taiwan), India, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan and the Republic of Korea.

PMSLA - Current eligible countries in Latin America are: Brazil, Colombia, Chile and Mexico. The destination institution should have a formal relationship with a New Zealand institution.

Travel to any other country (i.e. outside the host country borders) is not permitted on this scholarship.

Scholarship options

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.

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

Please refer to the Prime Minister's scholarship criteria for assessing individual and group applications.

Application 'Round'

Education New Zealand usually holds two ONLINE Application Rounds annually. Application information is at <https://enz.govt.nz/funding/prime-ministers-scholarships-for-asia-and-latin-america/>

April 2022 Group Round: Scholarship applications must be received by 11.59pm **02 May 2022**.
Further rounds will be announced on our website when available.