

New Zealand ASEAN Scholars Awards

New Zealand Postgraduate Scholarship Awards for Viet Nam 2015

Information Sheet

In 2015 the New Zealand Government is providing 30 post-graduate tertiary scholarships to Viet Nam. The scholarships are through the NZ ASEAN Scholars awards programme which is funded through official development assistance. The purpose of the scholarships is to empower future leaders with the knowledge, skills and qualifications to make important contributions to the economic, social and political development of Viet Nam.

Type and Number of Scholarships

The *New Zealand ASEAN Scholars* awards are for full-time postgraduate level study at Postgraduate Diploma, Master or PhD level in New Zealand. **30 scholarships have been allocated for** Vietnamese nationals who wish to obtain a post-graduate degree in New Zealand commencing in 2015.

Successful applicants are entitled to return air travel, full tuition fees, establishment allowance, a living allowance to cover day to day costs, medical and travel insurance, and reunion airfares for the awardee to return to Viet Nam in specific circumstances.

The partners of successful applicants are eligible for a work visa that allows them to live and work in New Zealand for the duration of their partner's study.

New Zealand Tertiary Institutions and English Language Requirements

Applicants can choose to study at any of nine New Zealand tertiary institutions, ie: Auckland University of Technology (AUT), Lincoln University, Massey University, Otago University, University of Auckland, University of Canterbury, Victoria University of Wellington, University of Waikato and Unitec Institute of Technology.

New Zealand tertiary institutions set their own admission requirements for English language proficiency. All applicants should check the IELTS¹ or TOEFL² score required for admission to the New Zealand tertiary institution that they have applied to.³

¹ International English Language Testing System – academic stream

² As a general guideline, most New Zealand education institutions require a TOEFL score of 575 with a TWE of 5; or 250 on the computer-based test; or 90 on the internet-based test with a writing score of 20. Some institutions may require a higher or lower score.

³ As a general guideline, most New Zealand education institutions require a minimum IELTS³ score of 6.5, with no band less than 6.0, for postgraduate level study. Some postgraduate qualifications may require a higher score

Fields of Study

While applicants from all fields are encouraged to apply priority is given to students studying in areas of NZ comparative advantage and those that are priorities for the Government of Viet Nam:

- **Agriculture Development** - Animal Health, Plant Health, Phytosanitary, Agricultural and Horticultural Science, Food Safety and Food Quality, Post Harvest Technologies, Biotechnology, Biosecurity, Vegetables Production, Livestock, Aquaculture, Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Economics;
- **Disaster Risk Management** - Emergency Management, hazard assessment and management, climate change adaption, natural resource management, environmental management, geology, land planning and development;
- **Public Sector Management** - Law, justice, legal and judicial reform, public administration, public policy and management;
- **Private Sector Development** - Trade Facilitation, International Trade, Trade Policy, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) Development, Private Sector Management, Development Economics, Applied Economics, Value Chain, Accountancy, Finance, Banking, Commerce, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Supply Chain Management including Tourism (tourism management, tourism planning, sustainable tourism, eco-tourism) and Renewable Energy;
- **English Language Training.**

Eligibility

Candidates from the public sector, civil society organisations, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the private sector are all eligible to apply.

We encourage candidates from remote rural areas and disadvantaged Provinces to apply for scholarships.

To be eligible for a *New Zealand ASEAN Scholar* award, an applicant must:

- be a citizen of Viet Nam,
- not have citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand, Australia or another developed country⁴,
- not be married or engaged to be married to a person who holds, or who is eligible to hold, citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand, Australia or another developed country,
- hold a recognised Bachelors degree for Masters candidates and Masters degree for PhD candidates,

⁴ A developed country is defined as a country not included on the OECD's Development Assistance Committee's list of aid recipients.

- **have an unconditional offer of place from a tertiary institution in New Zealand,**
- not be seeking support for a degree programme already commenced,
- be under 40 years of age at the time of application for Masters and under 45 years of age at the time of application for PhD,
- have a minimum of two years full-time work experience (candidates under 25 years of age without work experience are eligible to apply if academic excellence and/or future leadership potential are demonstrated).

Applicants who already hold a Masters degree are eligible to apply for a Masters degree under the *New Zealand ASEAN Scholar award* as long as they can clearly demonstrate the developmental relevance and applicability of their proposed study programme to the development of Vietnam.

Selection Criteria

- Strong academic merit;
- Strong linkage between the proposed field of study with work experience and career goals,
- Demonstrated professional and personal leadership attributes,
- Demonstrated development benefits to Viet Nam,
- Consideration of balance between public, private and civil society organisations/NGOs,
- Consideration of geographical spread and fit with the objectives of the Vietnam-New Zealand bilateral development cooperation programme.

Application and Selection Process

- The *New Zealand ASEAN Scholars awards* applicants must identify the desired course and seek an offer of place from the institution in New Zealand;
- The *New Zealand ASEAN Scholars awards* applicants submit 02 applications completed in English (one original and one copy), including a copy of the letter of offer from a tertiary institution in New Zealand, ***directly to the New Zealand Embassy in Hanoi***. Applicants are encouraged to download the application form at www.nzembassy.com/viet-nam. Application forms are also available from the New Zealand Embassy in Ha Noi;
- Applications are assessed and a short list is drawn up for consideration by a Selection Committee in Vietnam. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview;
- The list of selected candidates is submitted to a Moderation Committee for review and approval.

Indicative Timeframe

30 June 2014	Deadline for application to the New Zealand Embassy in Hanoi
Jul-Aug 2014	Formal screening, shortlisting and selection by a Selection Committee in Hanoi
Sept 2014	Review and approval by Moderation Committee
Oct-Nov 2014	Final results and Letters of Scholarship Offer
Nov - Dec 2014	Visa application
Jan-Feb 2015	Travel arrangements, Pre-departure briefing and Departure for New Zealand

Contact for further information

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Annex 1: Contact details for New Zealand tertiary institutions

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