

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### NZAID SCHOLARSHIPS

Information for intakes commencing 2009

#### Purpose of NZAID scholarships

NZAID scholarships seek to strengthen the human resource base in Papua New Guinea by supporting identified priority areas of education and training. New Zealand's long-term objective is to assist the Government of Papua New Guinea and Papua New Guinea nationals in creating an environment conducive for economic recovery and growth, and for addressing basic social needs.

By providing people with knowledge and skills to contribute to the sustainable development of key sectors in their home country, NZAID scholarships aim to reduce poverty and promote good governance. NZAID capacity building complements the work done in country by multilateral agencies and civil society organisations.

#### Type, level and number of scholarships

Under the New Zealand bilateral development assistance programme for Papua New Guinea, eligible citizens can apply for the following NZAID scholarships schemes:

**New Zealand Development Scholarships – Public category (NZDS-Public)** are available to public sector, private sector or civil society sector employees. Up to 20 NZDS-Public category scholarships will be offered to eligible in-service candidates from Papua New Guinea for study beginning in the 2009 academic year.

New Zealand Development Scholarships in the Public category are awarded for full-time study in New Zealand at undergraduate level (i.e. Bachelor degrees) and postgraduate level (i.e. Postgraduate Diplomas, Masters degrees or Doctorates (PhD)). Study at PhD level will only be considered where particularly strong development relevance and alignment to Papua New Guinea's national development priorities are demonstrated. Shortlisted NZDS-Public applications are endorsed by the Papua New Guinea Government.

Details of the participating New Zealand education institutions are listed in Annex 1.

**Short Term Training Awards (STTA)** are available for targeted short-term vocational and skills-based training in New Zealand, up to a maximum of one year. New Zealand is offering up to 15 STTA for in-service applicants between July 2008 and June 2009. STTA are available for work attachments, short courses, or Certificate or Diploma level technical training<sup>1</sup>.

#### Priority sectors

In line with NZAID's country strategy for Papua New Guinea, scholarships will be awarded for study linked to the following priority sectors (further detailed in Annex 2):

- Rural economic development
- Basic education

<sup>1</sup> STTA must be less than one year in duration and are not available for tertiary study beyond Certificate or Diploma level.

- Primary health
- Strengthening civil society

## **Eligibility criteria**

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Applicants must meet the following NZAID eligibility criteria before their application will be further considered against the selection criteria, including any criteria specific to Papua New Guinea (listed on page 3). Applicants must:

- be a citizen of Papua New Guinea (i.e. permanent residents are not eligible to apply);
- be residing in Papua New Guinea, preferably for at least two years prior to application;
- not have citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand, Australia or another developed country<sup>2</sup>;
- 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;
- be aged 17 or over before the scholarship start date;
- be applying to commence a new qualification or training programme and not be seeking funding for a qualification or training already commenced in New Zealand or another country;
- not have completed, or nearly completed, a qualification or training programme at a similar level (i.e. applicants must apply for a higher level qualification or training than any previously attained), unless strong developmental relevance is demonstrated;
- satisfy the admission requirements of the New Zealand education institution or training provider at which the qualification or training is to be undertaken, including English language proficiency criteria;
- have been working in their home country, preferably for at least two years prior to application;
- have worked for two years in their home country since completing their highest qualification gained to date;
- be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to Papua New Guinea's public, private or civil society sector (as relevant), and to the development of Papua New Guinea in general; and
- be able to take up the scholarship in the academic year for which it is offered.

Applicants cannot:

- be studying full-time at post-secondary level;
- be transferring from another scholarship (either in New Zealand or in another country) to a NZAID scholarship;
- hold, or have held, a New Zealand Government or Australian Government scholarship in the 24 months preceding the scholarship start date; or
- have been terminated from a New Zealand or Australian Government scholarship previously.

STTA applicants must be employed at the time of application and their employer must endorse their application.

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<sup>2</sup> A developed country is defined as a country not included on the OECD's Development Assistance Committee's list of aid recipients.

All applicants are expected to continue residing in Papua New Guinea during the application and selection process. If offered a scholarship or award, candidates must:

- be able to satisfy Immigration New Zealand requirements for international student entry to New Zealand (i.e. medical checks and police clearance/character checks, etc);
- not hold another scholarship during the period of the NZAID scholarship; and
- agree in writing that they will return to Papua New Guinea for a minimum period of two years following completion of their scholarship in order to contribute to their country's social or economic development.

### **Papua New Guinea specific criteria**

In addition to meeting the criteria above, applicants from Papua New Guinea must:

- meet any identified eligibility or selection criteria agreed by the Papua New Guinea Government and NZAID, available from National Training Council and Department of Personnel Management; and
- for academic programmes, have a minimum IELTS<sup>3</sup> (Academic) result of 6.0 overall, with no band less than 6.0.

Officials from government agencies involved in NZAID projects are encouraged to apply.

### **English language requirements**

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New Zealand tertiary education institutions set their own admission requirements for English language proficiency. As a guide, most New Zealand education institutions require a minimum IELTS score of 6.0, with no band less than 6.0, for undergraduate level study, and an overall IELTS score of 6.5, with no band less than 6.0, for postgraduate level study. Some postgraduate qualifications may require a higher score. All applicants should check the IELTS or TOEFL<sup>4</sup> score required for admission to their selected New Zealand education institution.

It is mandatory for applicants to sit an IELTS or TOEFL exam and provide the original copy of their test result as a pre-condition of the application and placement process. Results must be from a test taken within two years of the proposed scholarship start date.

Successful applicants who do not meet their education institution's English language proficiency criteria will be required to undertake English language training in New Zealand prior to commencing their academic qualification.

### **Application process and closing dates for applications**

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GRM International, based in Port Moresby, manages the application and selection processes for the NZDS-Public and STTA schemes in Papua New Guinea.

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<sup>3</sup> International English Language Testing System – Academic stream

<sup>4</sup> Test of English as a Foreign Language

### **NZDS-Public application process**

Details of the NZDS-Public scheme are advertised in the media in February. The NZDS-Public scheme may also be promoted to relevant government agencies at the same time.

**Public sector applicants:** Bid forms are available from the Department of Personnel Management (DPM) for public sector employees. Public sector employees are required to follow DPM's application nomination process, including gaining endorsement from the appropriate head of department or provincial administrator where applicable.

**Private sector applicants:** Expression of interest forms are available from the National Training Council or GRM for employees from the private or civil society sectors.

NZDS-Public applicants return their completed preliminary applications directly to GRM International in Port Moresby by 31 March 2008. Late applications will not be accepted.

It is important that the applicant clearly states their choice of qualification and education institution, and includes all requested supporting documents.

All applications must be completed in English, with certified true copies of official English translations (where the original document is not in English) attached to the application form. Applications with incomplete supporting documentation will not be processed.

### **STTA application process**

Details of the STTA scheme are advertised twice a year. The STTA scheme may also be promoted to relevant government agencies at the same time.

**Public sector applicants:** Bid forms are available from the Department of Personnel Management (DPM) for public sector employees. Public sector employees are required to follow DPM's application nomination process, including gaining endorsement from the appropriate head of department or provincial administrator where applicable.

**Private sector applicants:** Expression of interest forms are available from the National Training Council or GRM for employees from the private or civil society sectors.

STTA applicants return their completed EOI or bid forms directly to GRM International in Port Moresby by in accordance with dates advertised in the print media. Late applications will not be accepted.

All applications must be completed in English, with certified true copies of official English translations (where the original document is not in English) attached to the application form. Applications with incomplete supporting documentation will not be processed.

In all cases, the application process is based on the principles of transparency and merit.

### **Selection criteria**

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In addition to the eligibility criteria above, candidates' applications will be considered against the following selection criteria:

- the proposed study programme or training links with Papua New Guinea's Medium Term Development Strategy, National Strategic Development Plan and Human Resources Planning Framework, where there is a demonstrated training and employment need; and/or
- the proposed study programme or training links to one of the identified priority development sectors for Papua New Guinea (further detailed in Annex 2);
- the applicant clearly demonstrates the **developmental** relevance and applicability of their proposed study or training programme to the human resource development training needs of their country and have employer endorsement;
- NZDS applicants must have a strong academic background. Applicants for postgraduate study must hold a recognised Bachelors degree of strong academic merit, in general relevant to the proposed postgraduate qualification (Note: NZAID gives preference to candidates who do not already hold a degree from a developed country);

- consideration of gender equity, including efforts to ensure the scholarships are offered equitably between male and female candidates;
- the applicant clearly demonstrates their links and commitment to their home country (e.g. services to their community, ability to influence change in a key development sector etc), supported by references. The proposed study or training programme must be relevant to:
  - recent paid and/or unpaid (volunteer) work experiences<sup>5</sup>;
  - the training needs of the employing organisation; and
  - identified employment opportunities on completion of their study.
- consideration of other factors which will contribute to the success of their studies or training (e.g. good character, positive study attitude and motivation to succeed).

## **Selection process**

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NZAID scholarships will be awarded in priority study or training areas requiring human resource capacity enhancement in Papua New Guinea, agreed between NZAID and the Papua New Guinea Government.

Candidates must meet the eligibility and selection criteria outlined above. Applications are considered by a joint selection committee (comprising representatives of the Papua New Guinea Government, NZAID and GRM International).

The joint selection committee will justly, fairly and without favouritism or bias, prioritise and shortlist applications, and select scholarship nominees based on the principles of transparency and merit. GRM International liaises with NZAID's Scholarships Unit in Wellington regarding placement of shortlisted applications. GRM advises candidates of the outcome of their application between September and January.

## **Other scholarships**

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In addition to the scholarships above, candidates from Papua New Guinea are eligible to apply for two contestable scholarship schemes.

### **New Zealand Development Scholarships – Open Category (NZDS-Open)**

In the Pacific region, the Open category of the New Zealand Development Scholarships scheme is offered for full-time, postgraduate level study in New Zealand. Papua New Guinea candidates are eligible to apply for the NZDS-Open on a contestable basis with applicants from other eligible Pacific countries. Applications from those working in the private sector or civil society, or living in provincial areas, are particularly welcome. The number of scholarships may vary annually.

**Note:** NZDS-Open scholarships are available for study at postgraduate level only, i.e. applicants must have already completed a Bachelors degree.

Candidates apply directly to a New Zealand education institution in accordance with the NZDS eligibility criteria. Applicants must ensure that the education institution receives the completed application (including all supporting documentation) before the institution's close-off date (see Annex 1 for the list the participating education institutions and their deadlines) or check the scholarships pages of the NZAID website ([www.nzaid.govt.nz/scholarships/nzds.html](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/scholarships/nzds.html)).

### **Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan**

Papua New Guinea candidates are eligible to apply for Commonwealth Scholarships for postgraduate level study in New Zealand on a contestable basis with applicants from other developing

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<sup>5</sup> Preference will be given to applicants who have worked in their home country for at least two years. In general, NZAID will not support individuals whose professional experience has mostly been obtained overseas.

Commonwealth countries. The New Zealand Vice Chancellors Committee (schols@nzvcc.ac.nz) administers the selection process for the Commonwealth Scholarship scheme in New Zealand.

Information can be obtained from the Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowship Plan website ([www.csfp-online.org/hostcountries/nz.html](http://www.csfp-online.org/hostcountries/nz.html)), which also lists the nominating agency in the home country to which an applicant applies.

## **Additional information**

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The purpose of NZAID scholarships schemes is for scholarship holders to gain knowledge and skills in specific subject areas that will assist in the development of their home country by contributing to identified human resource development training needs. It is a pre-condition of accepting a NZAID scholarship that scholarship holders return to their home country to take up a position that utilises their study or training for a minimum period of two years.

Female applicants, and applicants from minority and other disadvantaged groups, are strongly encouraged to apply as the New Zealand Government attempts to ensure equity amongst scholarship holders. Candidates from provincial areas are also encouraged to apply.

New Zealand Development Scholarships and STTA must be taken in the year for which they are offered and cannot be transferred to the next academic year.

If offered a NZAID scholarship, travel to New Zealand is subject to medical clearance and a visa being issued by Immigration New Zealand. Successful applicants should allow a minimum two month period for their visa application (including medical and police clearance) to be processed.

**NZDS and Commonwealth Scholarships schemes only:** Where a student's study programme is 18 months or longer, and the student has at least 12 months remaining of their study programme to complete, the student can be joined by their spouse/partner and dependant children at a higher rate of stipend. NZAID may fund the airfares to New Zealand for a student's spouse/partner and up to two dependant children. Eligibility criteria apply.

NZAID funding may not cover all living costs. NZDS and Commonwealth Scholarships students and their families must carefully consider the costs of supporting a family in New Zealand, as New Zealand is likely to have a much higher cost of living than their home country. NZAID students may need to supplement the stipend with their own funds to cover items on top of basic day-to-day living expenses.

Information on NZDS allowances and entitlements, and conditions of the NZDS scholarship, is provided on the scholarships pages of NZAID's website: [www.nzaid.govt.nz/scholarships/nzds.html](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/scholarships/nzds.html)

Applicants must not have applied for New Zealand or Australian permanent residency. Applicants must not seek or apply for New Zealand or Australian permanent residency or a work permit while on scholarship.

**Note:** NZAID has the right to make a final decision on the offering of NZAID scholarships. NZAID has the right to amend terms and conditions of NZAID scholarships. Amendments will be posted on the NZAID website ([www.nzaid.govt.nz/scholarships](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz/scholarships)).

## **Addresses for further information**

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## **Annex 1: Contact details for New Zealand institutions and closing dates**

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**NZDS-Open applicants** apply directly to the New Zealand education institution where they wish to study.

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<b>Massey University</b> International Student Support Office Private Bag 11 222 Palmerston North New Zealand	W: <a href="http://www.massey.ac.nz">www.massey.ac.nz</a> E: <a href="mailto:international@massey.ac.nz">international@massey.ac.nz</a> F: +64 6 350 5698	1 June 2008
<b>University of Waikato</b> Waikato International Private Bag 3105 Hamilton 3240 New Zealand	W: <a href="http://www.waikato.ac.nz/international/">www.waikato.ac.nz/international/</a> E: <a href="mailto:international@waikato.ac.nz">international@waikato.ac.nz</a> F: +64 7 838 4269	1 June 2008 15 June 2008 (for PhD Students)
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## **Annex 2 Priority fields of study**

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Preference will be given to NZAID scholarship applications requesting study or training in the following priority areas:

### **1. Rural economic development**

Agriculture/forestry/livestock, specifically in:

- animal and plant health
- analytical and research skills
- community-based economic development
- extension services
- food sufficiency
- industrial/commercial development, downstream processing and spin-off industries development
- management, supervision, communication, policy development
- small business development and marketing

### **2. Basic education**

- education administration
- education planning, including curriculum development and monitoring
- education reform
- enhancing teacher training and evaluation
- management and leadership

### **3. Primary health**

- environmental health
- health planning
- maternal and child health
- nursing
- nutrition
- primary health care

### **4. Strengthening civil society**

- community-based economic and social development
- good governance
- human resource development for civil society organisations
- planning and management for civil society organisations
- policy formulation (particularly in the areas of rural economic development, health and education)