



Information for Applicants to the Asia:NZ – NZASIA Post-Graduate Research Awards

I. Background of sponsoring organisations:

a) New Zealand Asian Studies Society

The New Zealand Asian Studies Society (NZASIA) is a wholly independent body that since 1974 has sought to encourage the spread of knowledge about Asia, its history, culture and role in international affairs.

The objectives of the Society are to:

- contribute to the knowledge and understanding of Asian polities, societies and civilisations by fostering research by its members or others, through the holding of conferences and scientific meetings, through publications, periodicals and the like, through subsidising research and travel, and in any other ways howsoever.
- disseminate knowledge of Asian polities, societies and civilisations in New Zealand by holding meetings and/or conferences, sponsoring publications, and establishing links amongst specialists in these fields and other educational, cultural and governmental institutions and their members, and amongst such specialists and news media.
- establish and maintain contacts with Societies of similar or related interests in Asia, Australia, America, Europe and elsewhere, by affiliation or otherwise.

b) The Asia:NZ Foundation

Asia New Zealand Foundation (Asia:NZ, formerly known as Asia 2000 Foundation of New Zealand) was founded in 1994 as a non-profit, apolitical organisation dedicated to building New Zealand's links with Asia. Through its activities in education, business, media, culture, research and policy studies, Asia:NZ aims to

promote initiatives which deepen understanding and relationships between New Zealanders and the peoples of Asia.

II. Asia:NZ – NZASIA Post-Graduate Research Scholarships

The Asia:NZ Foundation sponsors post-graduate scholarships supporting thesis-related fieldwork in Asia in cooperation with the New Zealand Asian Studies Society (NZASIA). It is intended to assist students in short to medium-term travel to Asia.

The objectives of the scholarships are to:

- promote and strengthen advanced study and research on Asia at New Zealand academic institutions offering post-graduate programmes in Asian Studies; and
- provide opportunities for post-graduate students specialising in Asian studies in New Zealand institutions to develop and undertake fieldwork in an Asian setting.

III. Regulations

1. The Awards are to be known as the Asia:NZ – NZASIA Post-Graduate Research Scholarships.
2. The Awards are tenable by post-graduate students at any tertiary institution in New Zealand who are enrolled full time in a Master's or Doctoral degree, and need supplementary support for overseas fieldwork undertaken as part of the degree.
3. Awards will be granted in the broad area of the social sciences and humanities involving direct contact with place, culture or data in Asia.
4. The Awards will be paid at the start of the Award term (usually twelve months), after the recipient signs and returns a letter of contract.
5. An Award recipient is required to provide a report on his/her fieldwork within one month of its completion, and on his/her use of the Award funds, to the President of NZASIA. (Guidelines will be provided.)
6. Upon completion of the post-graduate degree to which the fieldwork contributed, the Award recipient is required to notify the President of NZASIA.
7. The amount of each Award is to be determined by the Selection Committee. The decision of the Selection Committee is final. Awards will usually be up to \$5,000 each, depending on the needs of the individual applicants and on the availability of funds.

8. The Selection Committee will consist of representatives of tertiary institutions in New Zealand offering post-graduate degrees in Asian studies or Asia-related subjects, and a representative of Asia 2000.
9. In recommending Awards, the Selection Committee will take into consideration applicants' academic merit, the quality of the research proposal and the degree to which applications match the purpose of the Awards. The proposed overseas travel must be for essential purposes, e.g. to access materials that are unavailable in New Zealand.
10. NZASIA and Asia:NZ reserve the right to discontinue an Award if the recipient is reliably reported to be misusing the Award, or failing to undertake the work for which the Award was made.
11. Grants will not be awarded for:
 - students' costs and/or tuition at their home institution in New Zealand;
 - costs associated with conference attendance.
12. Post-graduate students from outside New Zealand supported by New Zealand-government or other scholarships are not eligible for these awards.

Detailed applications must be received by the President of NZASIA by **5 pm on Friday, 6th May 2005**. Late applications will not be accepted.

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