



(CONTESTABLE) POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS POLICY

Background

The primary funding for Coastal People : Southern Skies Centre of Research Excellence (the Centre) is from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). CPSS will allocate its financial resources in a strategic and transparent way, in alignment with its values, in order to meet its strategic goals. These goals, and the methods of measuring progress against them, are defined in the TEC Annual Plan.

The **vision** of CPSS is flourishing wellness (mauri ora) of coastal communities.

The **mission** of CPSS is to connect, understand and restore coastal ecosystems of NZ and the Pacific through transformative research, local action and by unlocking potential through new pathways to learning.

The **values** of CPSS are central to all that we do and all of our actions are underpinned by these values; our values are based on **KAITIAKITANGA** and **MANA:**

**MEANINGFUL
AUTHENTIC
NATURAL
ACTION**

Content

Coastal People: Southern Skies (the Centre) intends to train and develop skilled students to the highest standards and to offer unique opportunities to postgraduate students. Postgraduate scholarships are budgeted to attract and provide opportunities for students who have unique skill sets and who otherwise may not have the opportunity to receive funding assistance and students who have an excellent academic record.

1. Students wanting to undertake postgraduate study in areas related to the research programme of the Centre can submit an application for a postgraduate scholarship (using the appropriate template).
2. Masters/Honours scholarships are for a term of one year. Successful applicants may reapply for a second year but preference will be given to applicants who have not held a scholarship previously.
3. At least one PhD scholarship in each funding round will be awarded to a Māori recipient. If no applicants meet the assessment criteria, this scholarship will be re-advertised.
4. At least one PhD scholarship in each funding round will be awarded to a Pasifika recipient. If no applicants meet the assessment criteria, this scholarship will be re-advertised.



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6. At least one Masters/Honours scholarship in each funding round will be awarded to a Pasifika recipient. If no Pasifika applicants meet the assessment criteria, this scholarship will be re-advertised.
7. Application dates will be advertised to members.
8. The applications will be assessed against the following criteria:
 - Alignment of the applicant's values with the values of the Centre;
 - A project that is aligned with the research programme of the Centre;
 - Support from a supervisor who is a named Centre Investigator;
 - Support from a named community/cultural mentor;
 - The applicant's academic, work and or community service record (i.e. an academic record (or equivalent) that demonstrates achievement, demonstrated ability to complete tasks, and ability to work in a manner which will be required in the proposed project);
 - The benefits (including skills development, capability building, data etc.) that will be realised from the project for the student and for coastal communities, Māori and Pacific peoples.
 - The excellence of the proposed project (evaluated against the criteria of research excellence as currently established by the Centre).
9. Scholarship funding is available for:
 - (i) PhD study (domestic and international students);
 - (ii) Masters study (domestic and international students, international Masters scholarships will be supported only to the level of a domestic Masters Scholarship);
 - (iii) Honours year study (domestic and international students, international Honours scholarships will be supported only to the level of a domestic Honours Scholarship).
10. Students are encouraged to seek other scholarship funding to support their studies. If a student holds more than one scholarship, the policies of their hosting institution will apply. In the circumstance that the Centre's scholarship cannot be retained as a stipend, the scholarship recipient may seek approval from the Senior Leadership team to reallocate some or all of the stipend to cover research-related costs. The Centre may request the return of any unallocated scholarship funding.

Related Documents

(Contestable) Postgraduate Guidelines

Funding Allocation Policy

Funding Allocation Procedure



TEC Annual Plan

Contact for further information

If you have any queries regarding the content of this policy or need further clarification, contact the Kaiurungi Programme Manager).

