

INDONESIA



New Zealand Development Scholarships (NZDS)

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Information for intake commencing 2011

Country strategy

Indonesia is NZAID's largest bilateral development programme in South East Asia. New Zealand has carefully reconsidered its approach and is now finalizing its 10-year country programme strategy (2009-2019) that identifies an overarching goal of 'Economic development through improved governance for a peaceful, just and prosperous Indonesia'. This goal would be pursued through three integrated priority areas: rural economic development, education for economic opportunity and peace to underpin development. Scholarships applications will need to align to this new direction and in particular to the three new priority areas.

Type, level and number of scholarships

NZDS-Public and NZDS-Open scholarships are available to public servants, lecturers from academic institutions, and also to members of non-government organisations, private sector and other agencies, (preferably organisations and agencies that are working in partnership with NZAID). The NZDS scholarships are for postgraduate study only, primarily for Masters level qualifications, though a small number of scholarships for Doctorate (PhD) level by research are also available. Applications for PhD level need to demonstrate particularly strong developmental relevance.

There are two categories of New Zealand Development Scholarships (NZDS):

The NZDS-Public category is primarily intended to strengthen public sector capacity. Applicants from the public sector may apply to the New Zealand Embassy in Jakarta and shortlisted candidates are endorsed by the Government of Indonesia. Up to eleven (11) NZDS Public scholarships are available for each academic year.

The NZDS-Open category is available to individuals who independently apply for a scholarship. Applicants apply directly to a participating New Zealand education institution (see Annex 1). Up to four (4) NZDS Open scholarships are available for each academic year. In the event of insufficient NZDS-Public applications that meet the criteria, a correspondingly greater number of NZDS-Open places will be made available.

Priority sectors

New Zealand Development Scholarships will be awarded in areas recognised by the Government of Indonesia (BAPPENAS/SEKNEG).

Key Priority sectors

Rural economic development – in areas that aligned to improvements in rural livelihoods.

Education for economic opportunity – in areas that aligned to the development of vocational education opportunities.

Peace to underpin development – in areas that aligned to development and monitoring of policies or frameworks that promote cultural tolerance or encourage interfaith dialogue.



Secondary Priority sectors

Governance; Human Rights; Environment; and Disaster Risk Reduction/Mitigation.

Applicants seeking study in subject areas which aim to strengthen other developmental aspects related to the above areas but are not specified here may also be considered.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet the following NZDS eligibility criteria before their applications will be considered against the selection criteria. Applicants must:

- be a citizen of Indonesia (i.e. permanent residents are not eligible to apply);
- be residing in Indonesia for at least two years prior to application;
- not have citizenship or permanent residence status of New Zealand or Australia or another country;
- 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 country¹;
- be no more than 40 years of age at the time of application;
- be applying to commence a new qualification and not seeking funding for one already commenced in New Zealand or another country²;
- not have completed, or nearly completed, a qualification at a similar level (i.e. applicants must apply for a higher level qualification than any previously attained), unless strong developmental relevance is demonstrated;
- hold a recognised undergraduate degree if applying for a Masters Degree, or a recognised Masters Degree if applying for a PhD. The applicant must have a GPA of at least 3.0 out of 4.0 or equivalent for their highest qualification attained to date. If a different grading system was used, the applicant must submit a certified translated explanation of the grade;
- have academic background that is relevant to the field of study proposed for study in New Zealand and be able to clearly demonstrate the **developmental relevance and applicability** of their proposed study programme to the human resource development training needs of their country/institution;
- have been working in their home country, for at least two years prior to application, including since completion of their highest tertiary qualification gained to date;
- be able to clearly demonstrate their links and commitment to Indonesia (e.g. services to their community, ability to influence change in a key development sector etc), supported by the statements from their referees. The proposed study programme must be relevant to:
 - recent paid and/or unpaid (volunteer) work experiences;
 - the training needs of the employing organisation; and
 - identified employment opportunities upon completion of their study.
- be able to take up the scholarship in the academic year for which it is offered;
- satisfy the admission requirements of the New Zealand education institution at which the qualification is to be undertaken, including English language criteria (IELTS score at the minimum of 6.5);
- satisfy all the admission requirements of New Zealand Immigration.

¹ A developed country is defined as a country not included on the OECD's Development Assistance Committee's list of aid recipients.

² NZAID will not fund any students to continue a qualification they have commenced outside their home country. With prior agreement of the partner government, NZAID will consider funding qualifications being studied in the home country by self-sponsored, part-time students on a case-by-case basis.
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Applicants cannot:

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

Applicants are expected to continue residing in Indonesia during the NZDS application and selection process. If offered a NZDS, candidates must:

- read carefully the letter of NZDS offer and sign the declaration in the NZDS offer indicating their acceptance of the award for the specified study programme, length of course and institution, as well as their ability to meet the timeframe proposed (including any English language training in Indonesia and/or in New Zealand), together with written endorsement from their employer;
- be able to satisfy Immigration New Zealand requirements (i.e. medical checks and police clearance/character checks, etc) and obtain the appropriate passport, student visa, all other documents required for entry to New Zealand;
- not have applied for New Zealand or Australian permanent residency and not seek or apply for New Zealand or Australian permanent residency or a work permit while on scholarship;
- not hold another scholarship during the period of the NZDS;
- travel to New Zealand alone and pass preliminary academic preparatory, English language or bridging programmes before being joined by any dependant family. NZAID recommends that all students settle into their academic study before their family joins them in New Zealand;
- agree in writing that they will return to Indonesia upon completion of their scholarship for a minimum period of two years in order to contribute to their country's social or economic development before applying for other opportunities/scholarship abroad; and
- agree to meet any other requirements that may be set by the New Zealand Embassy or Government of Indonesia.

Indonesia specific criteria

Top priority: Applications under both NZAID Public and NZDS open categories from eligible individuals working and living in eastern Indonesia (particularly from NTB, NTT, Maluku, Papua and West Papua) will be prioritised during the selection process. The applicants must be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to the development of the province where they currently live in.

2nd priority: NZAID will, as a lesser priority, consider applications under both NZDS-Public and NZDS-Open from: DEPLU; BAPPENAS; Ministry of National Education; Ministry of Agriculture, government and research institution involved in Indonesia's management of natural disaster particularly in planning and disaster preparedness; government institutions involved in environment and conservation (i.e. Ministry of Forestry, Ministry of Marine Resources and Fisheries, Ministry of Environment); Ministry of Defence; Indonesia National Police; and academic staff of national universities or other relevant public institutions or agencies that are working in partnership with NZAID.

3rd priority: Consideration will be given, as a third priority under NZDS-Open, to applicants who do not qualify/meet the above two priorities, but applying for study in the priority sectors.



NZDS-Public selection process

Candidates of NZDS-Public will be selected by a committee consisting of representatives of the New Zealand Embassy in Jakarta.

Selection will be made against the above criteria and based on the principles of merit and equity. Selection will be made in several stages:

- **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** will be called for and assessed by the Embassy against the criteria set out in this information sheet. **Deadline to submit the EOI is 15 February 2010.**
- The most promising candidates will be identified and asked to complete a full **NZDS application form**. At this stage, applicants should provide full supporting documentation, including official endorsement from the applicant's employer. Applications must be signed and witnessed in front of a public notary, or an officer of the New Zealand Embassy. **Deadline to submit the application form is 16 April 2010.**
- Following an assessment of the applications, **selected candidates will be required to sit an additional IELTS test and attend an interview in Jakarta**. NZDS-Public applicants must have a **minimum overall IELTS score of 5.5** or higher, with **no band below 5.0**, to be shortlisted.
- On the basis of these test results and interviews, a shortlist will be determined and forwarded to the State Secretariat RI for endorsement. Following endorsement, applications are sent to NZAID in New Zealand for placement at the appropriate New Zealand institutions.

The State Secretariat will continue to act as the Nominating Authority and contact point for NZAID and the nominating agencies of individual students for communications on placement, academic progress, course change or extension, deferral requests and terminations.

Applicants of **NZDS-Public** will be notified by the New Zealand Embassy regarding the success of their applications.

NZDS-Open application and selection process

NZDS-Open candidates apply **directly to one of the participating New Zealand education institutions** (see Annex 1), after ensuring that they meet the eligibility criteria.

The education institution distributes and receives NZDS-Open application forms. Applicants must ensure that the institution receives the completed NZDS application form (including all supporting documentation) before the institution's closing date (also in Annex 1). Applicants are advised to send back the applications well before the closing date as the institution may require further information or documentation.

The institution assesses the candidate's application for admission to the institution, and checks it against the NZDS eligibility criteria. The institution sends the complete applications of candidates with unconditional offers of place, to NZAID's Scholarships Unit in Wellington, New Zealand.

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 NZDS application form. Applications with incomplete supporting documents will not be processed.

NZAID considers all eligible applications against the selection criteria above and advises the institutions of the outcome of the NZDS selection round by late September. This selection process may include shortlisted applicants being interviewed by NZAID in Jakarta.

Applicants of **NZDS-Open** will be notified by their selected institution of the success of their application and what they should do next.

Government of Indonesia expectations – NZDS Public and Open

The Government of Indonesia and the New Zealand Government expect all NZAID awardees to complete their studies successfully. Awardees, upon completion of study, must immediately return to Indonesia and to the employer that nominated him/her. The individual must send their



study report to the State Secretariat within 30 days. A copy of this report should be given to the New Zealand Embassy.

Within six months of return to Indonesia, awardees should share their knowledge gained with their colleagues. Possibilities might include giving a presentation or holding a workshop/seminar programme. A copy of the report of this programme should be sent to the New Zealand Embassy, Jakarta, and the State Secretariat.

By regulation of the Government of Indonesia, study awardees that are public servants/government officials must work for the Government for two years for each year of their study and for at least three years. Violation may result in the scholarship awardees being required to refund to the Government of Indonesia the full cost of the scholarship, plus 100%.

Additional information – NZDS Public and Open

The purpose of the NZDS scheme 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 New Zealand Development Scholarship that scholarship holders return to their home country to take up a position that utilises their study for a minimum period of two years.

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 may 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.**

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

Female applicants are strongly encouraged to apply as the New Zealand Government attempts to ensure gender equity among scholarship holders. NZAID will also consider such factors as good character, accuracy of answers, positive study attitude and motivation to succeed in the selection process.

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).

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

New Zealand Development Scholarships applicants in the **Open category** apply directly to the New Zealand education institution where they wish to study.

New Zealand institution	Contact details	Closing date
University of Otago	www.otago.ac.nz international.admissions@otago.ac.nz	30 April 2010
Massey University	www.massey.ac.nz international@massey.ac.nz	1 May 2010
University of Waikato	www.waikato.ac.nz int.centre@waikato.ac.nz	31 May 2010
Victoria University of Wellington (VUW)	www.victoria.ac.nz VUW-NZAID@vuw.ac.nz	15 May 2010 (1 May 2010 for PhDs)
University of Canterbury	www.canterbury.ac.nz international@canterbury.ac.nz	1 May 2010.
AUT University	www.autinternational.info international.centre@aut.ac.nz	30 May 2010
Lincoln University	www.lincoln.ac.nz international@lincoln.ac.nz	31 May 2010
University of Auckland	www.auckland.ac.nz int-questions@auckland.ac.nz	1 May 2010
Unitec	www.unitec.ac.nz international@unitec.ac.nz	18 June 2010

