

*Gateway Antarctica's
Christchurch City Council Antarctic Scholarship*

The Christchurch City Council (CCC) is offering a \$10 000 one year scholarship for a University of Canterbury student to carry out postgraduate study at Masters or PhD level in Antarctic Research with one season of logistical support provided by Antarctica New Zealand.

1. The Scholarship will be known as the *Christchurch City Council Antarctic Scholarship* and administered by Gateway Antarctica, the Centre for Antarctic Studies and Research at the University of Canterbury
2. The Scholarship will be tenable for up to one year by a candidate who, during the tenure of the Scholarship, is studying for a PhD or is in the thesis year of a Master's degree at the University of Canterbury in an Antarctic-related topic.
3. The Scholar will be expected to undertake research concerning a matter of importance to the understanding of Antarctica or the Southern Ocean. One of the Scholar's supervisors of studies will be the Professor of Antarctic Studies or his nominee.
4. The Scholarship will be awarded by the Board of Gateway Antarctica after considering the recommendation of a special committee, hereafter referred to as the Scholarship Committee, which will consist of:
 - a. The Director of Gateway Antarctica or nominee;
 - b. One Representative from the Gateway Antarctica Teaching and Learning Working Group;
 - c. Learning Working Group;
 - d. One person nominated by Antarctica New Zealand.
5. In recommending the award, the Scholarship Committee will consider the general suitability of the candidate including ability to pursue research and academic attainment, and whether the scholar holds other scholarships (in general, the scholarship will not be awarded to students who already hold a scholarship to undertake post graduate research).
6. Payment of the Scholarship will be made in two lump sum payments, one half payment at the time of enrollment directly to the University as credit towards University fees and one half payment directly to the student 3 months into the course of study after a positive progress report from the scholar's supervisor.
7. The Scholar will lodge with the Christchurch City Council (CCC), a copy of any thesis or publication arising from the research undertaken during the tenure of the scholarship, and will give due recognition to the donor in such publications.
8. The University will inform Scholarship recipients that there is no future employment link associated with this scholarship, either with (CCC) or the University of Canterbury.
9. CCC will aim to offer this Scholarship yearly, for a total value of \$10 000 per year. However, if funding is not available in any given year (to be determined at CCC's discretion) it will notify the Director of Gateway Antarctica by 30 July, in writing that the scholarship will not be supported in the next financial year (i.e. July-June).

10. For all Masters and PhD candidates the most recent rules and regulations in the Postgraduate Handbook apply.
11. The scholarship award is expected to contribute to research costs, travel, fees and living expenses incurred during the scholarship period.
12. Antarctica New Zealand will bear the costs for the scholar's transport between Antarctica and Christchurch, living costs at Scott Base or in the field, transport needs in Antarctica, field equipment supplied at Scott Base, clothing hire and e-mail communications.
13. The scholar will be expected to cover the costs for their medical examination, travel to and from Christchurch from their home, and accommodation in Christchurch.

Application Procedure

The purpose of the Scholarship is to give financial support of \$10 000 to students who are engaged in postgraduate research, either studying for a PhD or in the thesis year of a Master's degree at Gateway Antarctica (University of Canterbury) in an Antarctic or Southern Ocean related topic. The Scholarship is available for a single year of study only.

Applicants must provide the following:

- A completed application form (available on GA website)
- A Research Proposal
- Curriculum Vitae (including contact details)
- Academic transcript
- Two letters of support
- Name of supervisor or supervisors
- Details of any other scholarships held

The Research Proposal should be no more than 5 pages long (12 point font) and should include:

- An abstract of the research proposal;
- A description of the research goals;
- An outline of the methodology;
- An explanation of how the proposed research relates to the science strategy *New Zealand Science in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean (2004-2009)* and in particular which key questions the research addresses;
- A description of the logistics needs (e.g. specific research sites with maps if appropriate, approximate dates, vehicle and accommodation needs, specialised field personnel requirements);
- Delineation between the proposed work and existing work if the proposed project is part of a pre-existing Antarctic research event.

Applicants must be:

- Registered in a postgraduate degree course at the University of Canterbury
- Part of an existing New Zealand Antarctic event if they have no previous
- Antarctic field experience.

Prior to travelling to Antarctica, successful applicants will be required to:

- Undergo a comprehensive medical examination (by their own doctor);
- Complete a Preliminary Environmental Evaluation (PEE) to assess the impact of their proposed project on the Antarctic environment;
- Hold a valid First Aid certificate.

Applications should be sent to
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Christchurch

Applicants should consider also applying for the equivalent Antarctica New Zealand Scholarships.

Closing date: 9 March 2009