

*Gateway Antarctica's  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Scholarship  
in Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) Scholarship was founded in 2001 in support of research and teaching in Antarctic Studies in recognition of Antarctica as a continent devoted to Peace and Research.

1. The scholarship is known as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Ross Dependency Scholarship, and the holder shall be known as the MFAT Ross Dependency Scholar.
2. The scholarship is 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 is required to undertake research concerning a matter of importance to the understanding of Antarctica or the Southern Ocean. At least one of the scholar's supervisors of studies will be the Professor of Antarctic Studies or his nominee.
4. The Scholarship is awarded by the Board of Gateway Antarctica after considering the recommendation of a special committee, hereafter referred to as the Scholarship Committee, which shall consist of:
  - a. The Director of Gateway Antarctica or nominee;
  - b. One Representative from the Gateway Antarctica Teaching and Learning Working Group;
  - c. One person nominated by the Antarctic Policy Division of the MFAT.
5. In recommending the award, the scholarship committee shall 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 shall be made in two lump sum payments. One half payment at the time of enrolment directly to the University as credit towards University fees and one half payment directly to the student 3 months into the course of study.
7. The holder shall lodge with the Antarctic Policy Division, MFAT, a copy of any publication arising from the research undertaken during the tenure of the scholarship, and shall give due recognition to the donors in such publications.
8. Scholarship recipients recognize that there is no promise of future employment associated with this scholarship, either from MFAT or the University of Canterbury.
9. MFAT shall offer this scholarship yearly, for a total value of \$5000 per year. However MFAT reserves the right to stop such funding due to budgetary constraints and agrees to notify the Director of Gateway Antarctica by 15 July, in writing, if the MFAT scholarship will not be supported in that financial year.
10. For all Masters and PhD candidates the most recent rules and regulations in the Postgraduate Handbook apply.

## **Application Procedure**

The purpose of the Scholarship is to give financial support of \$5000 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.

There is no application form. Applicants must provide the following:

- 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 3 pages long (12 point font) and should include: an overview of the project, methodology, how the project fits in with the research programme of the primary supervisor and also the Science Strategy for Antarctica developed by Antarctica New Zealand (available at [www.antarcticanz.govt.nz](http://www.antarcticanz.govt.nz)).

**NOTE:** The Scholarship does not provide any guarantee of access to Antarctica. An applicant whose proposed work requires field work in Antarctica must organize this through the primary supervisor prior to submitting the application.

Applications should be sent to

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**Closing date: 5.00 pm Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009**