

Expectations of the applicant

Part of your job as a Fulbright applicant is to research and reach out to departments within NZ universities or organisations that you feel might be a good fit for your area of study or research. You do this by 'cold emailing' departments within universities after having conducted your own research on which universities offer the most suitable programmes or are the home institute of your preferred researcher. You will be pleasantly surprised by how accommodating university departments are when it comes to helping prospective Fulbright applicants.

Sometimes a potential host organisation might want to know more about what would be expected of them when it comes to hosting you, should you be successful in being granted a Fulbright award. The 'Information for potential hosts' section below is something that you copy and paste into an email and send them to help clarify what their role would be.

Part of what will dictate what a host needs to be able to offer you is decided by whether you are planning to enrol in a degree programme, such as a master's degree or PGDip, or whether you are wanting to come to New Zealand as a Visiting Student Researcher (VSR); someone who is not officially enrolled but who is affiliated with the university or organisation on a research basis. Sometimes even as a VSR, a university will require you to enrol so that you have access to the facilities that you need, but this is the exception rather than the rule and Fulbright New Zealand can help the host with this.

An important difference between a degree seeking Fulbright US Graduate Student, and one who comes as a VSR, is that Fulbright New Zealand pays full domestic fees for an academic year's worth of study (11 months) for an enrolled student but does not pay the equivalent to VSRs or their hosts for any costs incurred from research, i.e., laboratory and field trips costs. You, or your host, will not be paid out the equivalent of what Fulbright New Zealand would have paid for fees had you formally enrolled in a programme.

Information for potential hosts

BEFORE APPLICATION:

- Guide an applicant toward the most appropriate programme to enrol in or department / people to research with
- Supply the applicant with a 'letter of support' for their application. This is a letter that states the host would be happy to host the applicant between February and November of X year if successful, talks a bit about what the applicant would be working on while with the host organisation, why it is important work and why the applicant is a good fit. It can also mention what facilities the host would be able to offer the applicant, and whether they would be able to provide the applicant with any financial support. A sample letter as PDF documents can be found on the webpage for this award.

DURING AWARD:

- Write an official 'letter of invitation' once the applicant is successful and before the grantee's arrival, this must go to Fulbright NZ and the Programme Manager will initiate this process

- Complete a 'host checklist' before the grantees arrival (sent by Fulbright to the host)
- Provide regular and supportive academic research supervision
- Provide an office space if available
- Provide computer and facility access
- Provide an email account if required

If your potential host needs any help clarifying their role further, please don't hesitate to put them in touch with the Programme Manager for this award, Magnolia Wilson – magnolia@fulbright.org.nz