

Erskine Programme

Information for Potential Fellowship Nominees

**(Erskine, Cambridge, Canterbury, Oxford and UC
Māori and Indigenous Studies Visiting
Fellowships)**

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Visiting Erskine Fellowships

The Erskine Bequest

The extremely generous bequest of John Angus Erskine in 1960, who was a former graduate of the University of Canterbury and contemporary of Ernest Rutherford, now enables over 70 distinguished international academics who are already advanced in the learning of any subject taught in the Faculties of Commerce, Engineering or Science, to visit the University of Canterbury each year. The fellowships are usually for a duration of one to three months.

Further information about John Angus Erskine can be found at <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/erskine/bequest.shtml>

Eligibility

The following Schools/Departments are eligible to nominate Visiting Erskine Fellows:

- Accountancy and Information Systems
- Chemical and Process Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil and Natural Resources Engineering
- Communication Disorders
- Computer Science and Software Engineering
- Economics and Finance
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Forestry (School of)
- Gateway Antarctica
- Geography
- Geological Sciences
- Health Sciences Centre
- Philosophy
- Linguistics
- Management
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physics and Astronomy
- Psychology

Purpose

The purpose of Visiting Erskine Fellowships is to give lectures to students and should include undergraduate lectures where possible.

Visiting Canterbury Fellowships

Up to four Visiting Canterbury Fellowships to visit the University of Canterbury each year for durations of, normally, one to three months, are available to faculties other than Commerce, Engineering and Science.

Nominations are called for in February for the following year and funded by the University of Canterbury.

Purpose

The purpose of Visiting Canterbury Fellowships is to give lectures to students and should include undergraduate lectures where possible.

Oxford/Canterbury Academic Exchange Programme

The Oxford/Canterbury Exchange Programme is open to all Faculties and is jointly funded by the University of Canterbury (with assistance for relevant Faculties from the bequest of its distinguished graduate John Angus Erskine) and the University of Oxford.

Fellowships to Canterbury are for durations of, normally, one to three months. Applications/nominations for three Fellowships to each University are called for in February each year and are assessed on a competitive basis.

Purpose

The purpose of Visiting Oxford Fellowships is to give lectures to students and should include undergraduate lectures where possible.

Cambridge/Canterbury Academic Exchange Programme

The Cambridge/Canterbury Exchange Programme is open to all Faculties and is jointly funded by the University of Canterbury (with assistance for relevant Faculties from the bequest of its distinguished graduate John Angus Erskine) and the University of Cambridge.

Fellowships to Canterbury are for durations of, normally, one to three months. Applications/nominations for two Fellowships to each University are called for in February each year and are assessed on a competitive basis.

Purpose

The purpose of Visiting Cambridge Fellowships is to give lectures to students and should include undergraduate lectures where possible.

General Information

Seasons

- Summer: Mid-November to mid-February
- Autumn: Mid-February to mid-May
- Winter: Mid-May to mid-August
- Spring: Mid-August to mid-November

Air fares

The University will pay for up to two return airfares to Christchurch from overseas, by the most direct and economical route, for the Visiting Erskine/Canterbury/Oxford/Cambridge Fellow and a spouse/partner or other member of the visitor's immediate family living at the same address who is staying for 28 nights or longer, excluding travelling time to/from Christchurch, during the period of the Fellowship.

The family member need not travel with the visitor in either direction. All reservations must be made through the University's travel agent, Orbit travel. It is possible for the itinerary to be amended at the visitor's expense.

Maintenance allowance

In addition to the above travel allowance, a Visiting Fellow to the University of Canterbury receives a maintenance allowance of, currently NZ\$100 per eligible night in term-time, paid by direct credit within 10 days of arrival to a New Zealand bank account.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged and paid by the Erskine Programme, for the duration of the Fellowship, in fully furnished campus housing around the perimeter of the University or in a pre-approved alternative. Any additional rental for the periods outside of the Fellowship, along with long distance (toll) telephone calls, internet charges and utilities will be billed separately to the visitor.

Work visa

Unless a Visiting Fellow is:

- a New Zealand national;
- holds dual nationality; or
- a permanent resident of Australia

then a work visa is required for the duration of the visit. Information about applying for a work visa will be provided to a confirmed visitor. The cost of a work visa is borne by the visitor.

Visiting Academic Visa

The visiting academics visa allows academics from 50 countries, which New Zealand has special visa waiver arrangements with, to travel here without first obtaining a visa offshore. The visiting academic visitor visa will automatically allow for a stay of up to three months, or for a maximum of three months in any one year of several trips are made to New Zealand. Beyond that period a work visa will be required.

Tax considerations

As a visiting Fellow, consideration should be given to the potential New Zealand tax obligations. A visiting Fellow is likely to be a non-New Zealand resident, and is likely to be receiving income while in New Zealand.

Potentially, this **could** result in the Fellow being subject to New Zealand income tax on their worldwide income earned wholly in New Zealand if they are considered to be a New Zealand tax resident.

New Zealand Tax Resident Rules

The New Zealand **tax residency** rules differ from the ordinary New Zealand residency rules for immigration purposes. Essentially, if you are in New Zealand for a period over 183 days in any 12 month period, you will be considered a New Zealand tax resident from the first day that you are present in New Zealand. If you expect to be in New Zealand for 183 days or more, you will be considered a New Zealand tax resident and will be required to return income tax in New Zealand.

Double Tax Agreements ('DTA')

Your resident country may have a DTA with New Zealand. This is important as, depending on your country's DTA, you may be entitled to certain tax exemptions.

If you have any queries about your New Zealand tax obligations, please speak to the Erskine Programme Manager.

Christchurch

Christchurch is the largest city in the scenic South Island of New Zealand and has a current population of about 350,000 people.

Additional information about Christchurch and its many attractions can be found at:

- <http://bethere.co.nz/>
- <http://www.christchurchnz.com/new-zealand/>
- <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/joinus/>
- <http://ccc.govt.nz/>
- <http://neatplaces.co.nz/>
- <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/new-zealand/christchurch-and-canterbury/christchurch>

Campus Facilities

The University of Canterbury is situated across 76 hectares in the leafy suburb of Ilam. The campus has a Recreation Centre, a Medical Centre, staff club, ANZ bank, numerous coffee shops and cafes, Early Childhood Learning Centre

Further information about the Campus can be found at:

- <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/future-students/what-makes-uc-unique/explore-ucs-campus/>;
and
- <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/currentstudents/>

Schooling

Information is provided on request to a confirmed visitor about how to apply for a place in an adjacent primary or secondary school for an English speaking child.

Contact

To enquire about the possibility of being nominated for a Visiting Erskine Fellowship, please contact direct:

Head of school/Department
School/Department of _____
University of Canterbury
P B 4800
Christchurch
NEW ZEALAND

Please enclose current curriculum vitae in English, a publications list and any supporting documents.

Web address

University of Canterbury - <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/>

Erskine Programme - <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/erskine/>

Erskine Programme contact details

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