

ERSKINE PROGRAMME

INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL FELLOWSHIP NOMINEES

VISITING ERSKINE FELLOWSHIPS

The Erskine Bequest

The extremely generous 1960 bequest of John Angus Erskine, a former graduate of the University of Canterbury and contemporary of Ernest Rutherford, 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 each year for durations of, normally, one to three months.

Eligibility

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

- Accountancy and Information Systems
- Biological Sciences (School)
- 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)
- Gateway Antarctica
- Geography
- Geological Sciences
- Humanities (School) – Philosophy Programme only
- Languages, Cultures and Linguistics (School) – Linguistics Programme only
- Management
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physics and Astronomy
- Psychology

Purpose

The purpose of Visiting Erskine Fellowships is to give lectures to students.

VISITING CANTERBURY FELLOWSHIPS

Up to 4 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 of each year for the following year and are funded by the University of Canterbury.

Purpose

The purpose of Visiting Canterbury Fellowships is to give lectures to students.

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 in science, engineering and economics John Angus Erskine - and by the University of Oxford. Fellowships to Canterbury are for durations of, normally, one to three months. Applications/nominations for 3 Fellowships to each University are called for in February of each year and are assessed on a competitive basis.

Purpose

The purpose of Visiting Oxford Fellowships is to give lectures to students.

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 in science, engineering and economics John Angus Erskine - and by the University of Cambridge. Fellowships to Canterbury are for durations of, normally, one to three months. Applications/nominations for 2 Fellowships to each University are called for in February of each year and are assessed on a competitive basis.

Purpose

The purpose of Visiting Cambridge Fellowships is to give lectures to students.

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/Cambridge/Canterbury/Oxford Fellow and for 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 proper. The family member need not travel with the visitor in either direction. All reservations are made and funded through the University's Campus Travel Office. The itinerary may be added to at the visitor's expense.

Maintenance allowance

In addition to the above travel allowance, a Visiting Fellow 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.

The maintenance allowance is not currently taxable in New Zealand.

Accommodation

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

Work visa

Unless a Visiting Fellow is of New Zealand nationality, holds dual nationality, or is a permanent resident of Australia, a work visa is required for the duration of the visit. Full information is provided to a confirmed visitor on how to apply for a work visa. The cost of the work visa is borne by the visitor.

Christchurch

Christchurch is the largest city in the scenic South Island of New Zealand and has a greater population of 400,000.

Please visit the following web sites for visitor information:

www.bethere.org.nz
www.christchurchnz.net

Campus facilities

- 5 libraries
- Recreation Centre
- Medical centre
- Staff club
- 2 travel agents
- Newcomers Group
- Early Childhood Learning Centre

Schooling

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

Nomination process

Eligible Schools/Departments nominate a potential Visiting Fellow to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for final consideration.

After a nomination is approved, a formal invitation is issued by the Erskine Programme office.

Contact

To inquire regarding the possibility of being nominated for a Visiting 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, publications list, and any supporting documents.

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