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Short Term Antarctic Visiting Erskine Fellowships

We would love you to stay, work and visit us at Gateway Antarctica. In the spirit of international cooperation associated with Antarctic research and scholarship, and to recognise Christchurch's role as one of only five Antarctic gateway cities, the University of Canterbury has recently created a new Short Term Antarctic Visiting Erskine Fellowship. This new Fellowship will support researchers travelling through Ōtautahi/Christchurch on their way to/from Antarctica to complete short visits (two to four weeks) to connect with University of Canterbury staff and students.

The Fellowship programme is administered by the Erskine Programme Office at University of Canterbury and the Director of Gateway Antarctica. Gateway Antarctica is the University of Canterbury's world-class centre for Antarctic research and teaching, attracting national and international participation in collaborative research, education and outreach that contributes to increased understanding and more effective management of the Antarctic region. It is also the home of the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programs (COMNAP) Secretariat.

Short Term Antarctic Visiting Erskine Fellowships will be awarded to scholars who are already advanced in teaching and research of any eligible subject taught in the Faculty of Engineering or the Faculty of Science.

The Fellowships are provided for the purpose of giving lectures to undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University and to build international linkages.



Fellows will be invited to give a public lecture in Ōtautahi/Christchurch supported by the Christchurch Antarctic Office, ChristchurchNZ, where appropriate, recognising the contribution of the Fellowship to Christchurch's Antarctic Gateway Strategy objective to "Support New Zealand's Antarctic scientific endeavour, collaboration and conversations through Christchurch."

Awards

These Short Term Fellowships will normally, be awarded for a period of between 14 to 28 nights. Accommodation for the Visiting Erskine Fellow will be arranged and paid for by the Erskine Fund for the period of the Fellowship. In addition, each Short Term Antarctic Visiting Erskine Fellow will receive a daily allowance for living expenses.

Potential Applicants

Potential applicants for these competitive Fellowships will be hosted by academics across University of Canterbury's Faculty of Science or Faculty of Engineering and work with that academic host to develop an application. Nominations will be considered throughout the year. Multiple awards can be made in any one calendar year.

Applicants are encouraged to initially approach the Director of Gateway Antarctica: Prof. Wolfgang Rack wolfgang.rack@canterbury.ac.nz to identify potential academic hosts.

Questions about any of the other academic exchanges offered through the Erskine Programme Office at University of Canterbury, please email erskine@canterbury.ac.nz.

