

Erskine Programme

Information for Potential Fellowship Nominees

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

Updated January 2021

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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/engage/erskine/the-bequest/>

Eligibility

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

- Accountancy and Information Systems
- Biological Sciences (School of)
- Chemical and Process Engineering
- Civil and Natural Resources Engineering
- Computer Science and Software Engineering
- Earth and Environment (School of)
- Economics and Finance
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Forestry (School of)
- Gateway Antarctica
- Health Sciences (School of)
- Philosophy
- Physical and Chemical Sciences (School of)
- Psychology, Speech and Hearing (School of)
- Linguistics
- Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship
- Mathematics and Statistics (School of)
- Mechanical Engineering
- National Centre for Research on Europe
- Product Design (School of)

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 all Colleges which are not eligible for Erskine Fellowships (i.e. the College of Arts, the College of Education, Health and Human Development (except the School of Health Sciences) and the School of Law.

Nominations are called for in February-March 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 Colleges and is funded by the University of Canterbury (with assistance for relevant schools/departments from the bequest of its distinguished graduate John Angus Erskine).

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-March 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 Colleges and is funded by the University of Canterbury (with assistance for relevant schools/departments from the bequest of its distinguished graduate John Angus Erskine).

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-March 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: December to February
- Autumn: March to May
- Winter: June to August
- Spring: September to November

University of Canterbury Term Dates

2021

First Semester:	22 February 2021 to 2 April 2021
	27 April 2021 to 4 June 2021
Second Semester:	19 July 2021 to 27 August 2021
	13 September 2021 to 22 October 2021

2022

First Semester:	21 February 2022 to 8 April 2022
	2 May 2022 to 3 June 2022
Second Semester:	18 July 2022 to 26 August 2022
	12 September 2022 to 21 October 2022

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 (i.e. upgrade to a different fare type or a route variation).

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. Pre-approved accommodation is located around the periphery of the University or in Central Christchurch. 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;
- a permanent resident of Australia; or
- a holder of a passport from a visa waiver country

a work visa under the category of 'Special Purpose or Event' is required for the duration of the visit. Information about applying for a work visa will be provided to a confirmed visitor. The Erskine Programme will reimburse the Visitor the cost of the work visa with the maintenance payment upon their arrival in New Zealand, provided they are able to provide proof of payment.

New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA)

Visiting Fellows with passports from visa waiver countries who will be in New Zealand for less than 3 months (6 months for UK citizens) do not need to apply for a visa but they are required to apply for an NZeTA before departing their home country for New Zealand. Information about applying for an NZeTA will be provided to a confirmed visitor.

Fellowships longer than 3 months (6 months for UK citizens) will require a work visa, as described above.

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 (i.e. salary from their home institution).

Potentially, this *could* result in the Fellow being subject to New Zealand income tax on their worldwide income earned whole 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 Coordinator.

Christchurch

Christchurch is the largest city in the scenic South Island of New Zealand and has a current population of approx. 380,000 people.

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

- <http://www.christchurchnz.com>
- <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, numerous coffee shops and cafes and an Early Childhood Learning Centre, amongst other features.

Further information about the Campus can be found at www.canterbury.ac.nz

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 and how to obtain a student visa.

Contact

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

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

Or by email to the relevant Head of School/Department which can be found at <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/deptcentres.shtml>

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/engage/erskine/>

Erskine Programme contact details

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