

Erskine Programme

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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 Engineering and Science, the Departments of Linguistics and Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Health and the UC Business School 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:

- Accounting 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)
- Linguistics
- Management, Marketing and Tourism
- Mathematics and Statistics (School of)
- MBA Programme
- Mechanical Engineering
- National Centre for Research on Europe
- Philosophy
- Physical and Chemical Sciences (School of)
- Product Design (School of)
- Psychology, Speech and Hearing (School of)

It is recommended that prospective fellows contact their respective departments as early as possible to determine whether a nomination may be possible.

Information regarding the Erskine Programme Office's deadline dates for nominations can be found here:

[Nomination process | University of Canterbury](#)

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 six Visiting Canterbury Fellowships to visit the University of Canterbury each year for durations of, normally, one to three months, are available to all Faculties which are not eligible for Erskine Fellowships (i.e. the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Education, and the Faculty of Law.)

Nominations are usually open from April to July for fellowships in the following year and are 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 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 normally durations of one to three months. Applications and nominations for three Fellowships to each University are usually open from April to July 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 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 normally for durations of one to three months. Applications and nominations for two Fellowships/Grants to each University are usually open from April to July 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

2025

First Semester: Term 1: 17 February to 4 April 2025

Term 2: 28 April to 30 May 2025

Second Semester: Term 3: 14 July to 22 August 2025

Term 4: 8 September to 17 October 2025

[For future years' dates, please see the university 'key dates' web page.](#)

Airfares

The University will pay for up to two return airfares to Christchurch from overseas, by the most 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. Airfares for any additional travellers are not covered.

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, usually paid by direct credit to a New Zealand bank account within 10 days of arrival.

Accommodation

Fully furnished accommodation will be arranged and paid by the Erskine Programme, for the duration of the Fellowship. All accommodation has been checked by the Erskine Programme Office to ensure it is of a suitable standard for visitors and a convenient commute to the university.

Accommodation will only be provided for the visitor and the immediate family members travelling with them. The Erskine Programme Office is not responsible for finding or obligated to provide accommodation for any other family or friends who may choose to visit the Visiting Fellow during their time in Christchurch.

Work visa

Unless a Visiting Fellow:

- is a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand,
- is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia, or
- holds a passport from a visa waiver country,

a work visa will likely be required for the duration of the visit. Information about applying for a work visa will be provided to a confirmed visitor; most of our fellows apply for a 'Specific Purpose Work Visa'. The Erskine Programme will reimburse the Visitor the cost of the work visa with the maintenance payment upon their arrival in New Zealand, once proof of payment has been received.

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 usually 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) typically require a work visa, as described above. Note that fellows who wish their children to attend school in New Zealand may also need to apply for a visa in order to ensure that their children are able to attend as domestic students, avoiding significant international fees.

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 while 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 tax resident and will be required to file an income tax return 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. 400,000 people.

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

- <http://www.christchurchnz.com>
- <https://neatplaces.co.nz/places/christchurch>
- <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

The Visiting Fellow is responsible for organising enrolment into a New Zealand school if they wish to do so. School enrolment is dependent on the location of your assigned accommodation.

Please note that a student visa may be required for your children if you wish to enrol them into a New Zealand School as domestic students and avoid the payment of international student fees. The academic parent (i.e., the parent in receipt of the fellowship) may also require a work visa in order for a child to obtain a student visa.

Contact

To enquire about the possibility of being nominated for a Visiting Fellowship, please contact the Head of the School/Department in which you plan to give lectures. The relevant Head of School/Department can be found at <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/departments/academic-schools-and-departments/>

Please enclose a current CV in English including a list of publications 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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