



# Gateway Antarctica University of Canterbury

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## Short Term Antarctic Visiting Erskine Fellowships

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The internationally recognised Erskine programme at University of Canterbury (UC), Christchurch, New Zealand currently supports international senior academics to complete lectures to UC undergraduate and postgraduate students. 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 programme. This new fellowship will support researchers travelling through Ōtautahi/Christchurch on their way to Antarctica to complete short visits (two to four weeks) to connect with University of Canterbury staff and students.

This Fellowship programme will be administered by the Erskine Programme Office at University of Canterbury and the Director of Gateway Antarctica. Gateway Antarctica is 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 regions.

Short term Antarctic Visiting Erskine Fellowships will be awarded to scholars who are already advanced in the learning of any eligible subject taught in:

- the Faculty of Engineering
- the Faculty of Science

and are provided for the purpose of giving lectures to undergraduate and postgraduate students in such subjects at the University and to build international linkages.



The Christchurch Antarctic Office, ChristchurchNZ, will invite fellows to give a public lecture in Ōtautahi/Christchurch, supporting this where appropriate, recognising the contribution of these fellows 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 be awarded for a period between 14 to 28 nights normally. 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 as they are received, but nominees must have completed an application no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered for that year's Antarctic season.

Applicants are encouraged to initially approach the Director of Gateway Antarctica (Prof. Adrian McDonald – email: [adrian.mcdonald@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:adrian.mcdonald@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](mailto:erskine@canterbury.ac.nz).

