

5. VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The New Zealand Commonwealth Scholarships scheme funds tuition and enrolment fees, an establishment allowance, a basic stipend, approved scholarship-related travel, some course-related costs, and medical and travel insurance.

Each Scholarship provides:

- a. **Travel:** International, and New Zealand domestic, air travel at the start and end of the scholarship for awardee and dependants, and reimbursement of awardee's visa costs.
- b. **Tuition Fees** and other compulsory institutional course costs.
- c. **Course-related costs:**
 - Textbook/course costs' allowance of NZ\$300 per semester
 - Research allowance of NZ\$1,000, including a return economy airfare to awardee's home country for overseas fieldwork
 - Thesis allowance of NZ\$500
- d. **Medical and Travel Insurance**
- e. **Establishment allowance:** NZ\$1,250 for unaccompanied students and NZ\$2,000 for accompanied students paid on arrival in New Zealand to assist with immediate costs, such as: accommodation (for example temporary accommodation, accommodation bond, rent in advance, etc), purchase of suitable clothing, some course expenses, and utility bonds (such as electricity, telephone) and household items, if moving into rental accommodation. A lesser amount, at the rate of NZ\$250 per semester for unaccompanied awardees and NZ\$500 per semester for accompanied awardees, is paid each full semester of subsequent years of study.
- f. **Stipend:** The annual unaccompanied stipend rate of NZ\$17,040 is paid fortnightly to cover routine expenditure on day-to-day costs, including: accommodation (rent or board), food, living expenses (e.g. telephone, electricity etc), transport, personal items and course-related costs (e.g. stationery, field trips, workshops etc). Adjusted stipend: A student and his/her partner who is also a New Zealand Development Scholarship (NZDS) or Commonwealth Scholarship recipient will receive the same stipend as an individual NZDS or Commonwealth student with dependants. Both students are eligible to receive the study-related allowances.
- g. **Dependants' funding:** Students can apply to have their immediate family members join them in New Zealand. To assist the student in supporting dependant family members while they are in New Zealand, an accompanied stipend rate may be paid to the student. Eligibility criteria must be met before any

