



## **Livestock Emissions & Abatement Research Network Fellowships Terms & Conditions**

In November of 2007, New Zealand established an international research network entitled the 'Livestock Emissions & Abatement Research Network' (LEARN). It is an international research network focused upon improving the understanding of greenhouse gas emissions from livestock agriculture.

The objectives of the network are to:

- a) Improve the quantification of non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas emissions from animal agriculture at all scales; and to
- b) Facilitate the development of cost effective and practical greenhouse gas mitigation solutions.

The New Zealand Government via the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, administered by AgResearch through the New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre ('NZAGRC') shall offer up to nine (9) New Zealand LEARN Fellowships per annum for scientists or technicians from developing countries to work in New Zealand in the area of Livestock Emissions research. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to work alongside some of the world's best researchers and develop links that they will keep throughout their careers.

### **A World Class Opportunity**

The LEARN network focuses on information sharing, the facilitation of discussion and face to face contact with researchers around the world. The network encourages partnerships that are mutually beneficial and collaborations that are active in nature, rather than an occasional exchange of ideas. The LEARN Fellowship Programme shall help facilitate the development of the wider LEARN network of researchers.

### **LEARN Work Trainee Awards – Tenure up to 6 months**

LEARN Work Trainee Awards are available for candidates who have completed a post-graduate qualification in their home country and who wish to gain work experience in New Zealand relevant to their field of study. Preference will be given to those applicants who are currently enrolled in a PhD in their home country. It is envisaged that candidates for the LEARN Work Trainee Awards will be able to contribute their work experience to their PhD research. All successful LEARN Work Trainee candidates are strongly encouraged to return to their home country upon completion of the award.

### **LEARN Post-Doctoral Fellowships – Tenure up to 12 months**

LEARN Post-Doctoral Fellowships are available for candidates who have preferably completed a PhD within five years of LEARN Fellowship application submission. They must be either currently employed by, or sponsored by, a Research Institute or Government organisation in their home country. Candidates who successfully gain a LEARN Post-Doctoral Fellowship are required to return to their position upon completion of the Fellowship.

In both cases, successful candidates will take up a position of short-term employment within the New Zealand institution or organisation of choice. Universities and research institutes involved in the scheme are expected to cover overheads for the individual.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for a LEARN award, candidates should meet the following criteria:

- Fellowships will be available for individuals wanting to work with New Zealand researchers within the following areas:
  - a) Methane emissions for ruminant livestock;
  - b) Nitrous oxide emissions from ruminant livestock;
  - c) Integrated whole farming system impacts at all scales; and
  - d) National agriculture inventory development.

In addition, they shall be:

- Shall be a registered member of the LEARN network;
- Be residing in their country of citizenship, preferably for at least two years prior to application;
- Not hold citizenship or permanent residency in either New Zealand or Australia;
- Either be employed in their home country or currently undertaking doctoral study in their home country;
- Must have completed a post-graduate qualification as supported by Academic Records in order to qualify for the LEARN Work Trainee Awards;
- Should have completed a PhD qualification within the last five years in order to qualify for the LEARN Post-Doctoral Fellowships;
- Must satisfy New Zealand Government requirements for international entry into New Zealand; and
- Please note that citizens of Fiji may not apply for LEARN Fellowships until further notice.

In order to facilitate in-country capacity building, preference shall be given to candidates from developing countries as defined by the Development Assistance Committee of the OECD (DAC) list of Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) recipients. The list is available online via [www.oecd.org/dataoecd/23/34/37954893.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/23/34/37954893.pdf). However, all applications shall be considered by the Selection Panel upon their merits.

### Fellowship Value<sup>1</sup>

	LEARN Work Trainee Awards	LEARN Post-Doctoral Fellowships
Stipend	\$15,000 (pro-rata)	\$58,000 (pro-rata)
Training & Development	\$1,500	\$3,000
Relocation Allowance	Up to \$3,000	Up to \$3,000
Tenure	Up to 6 months	Up to 12 months

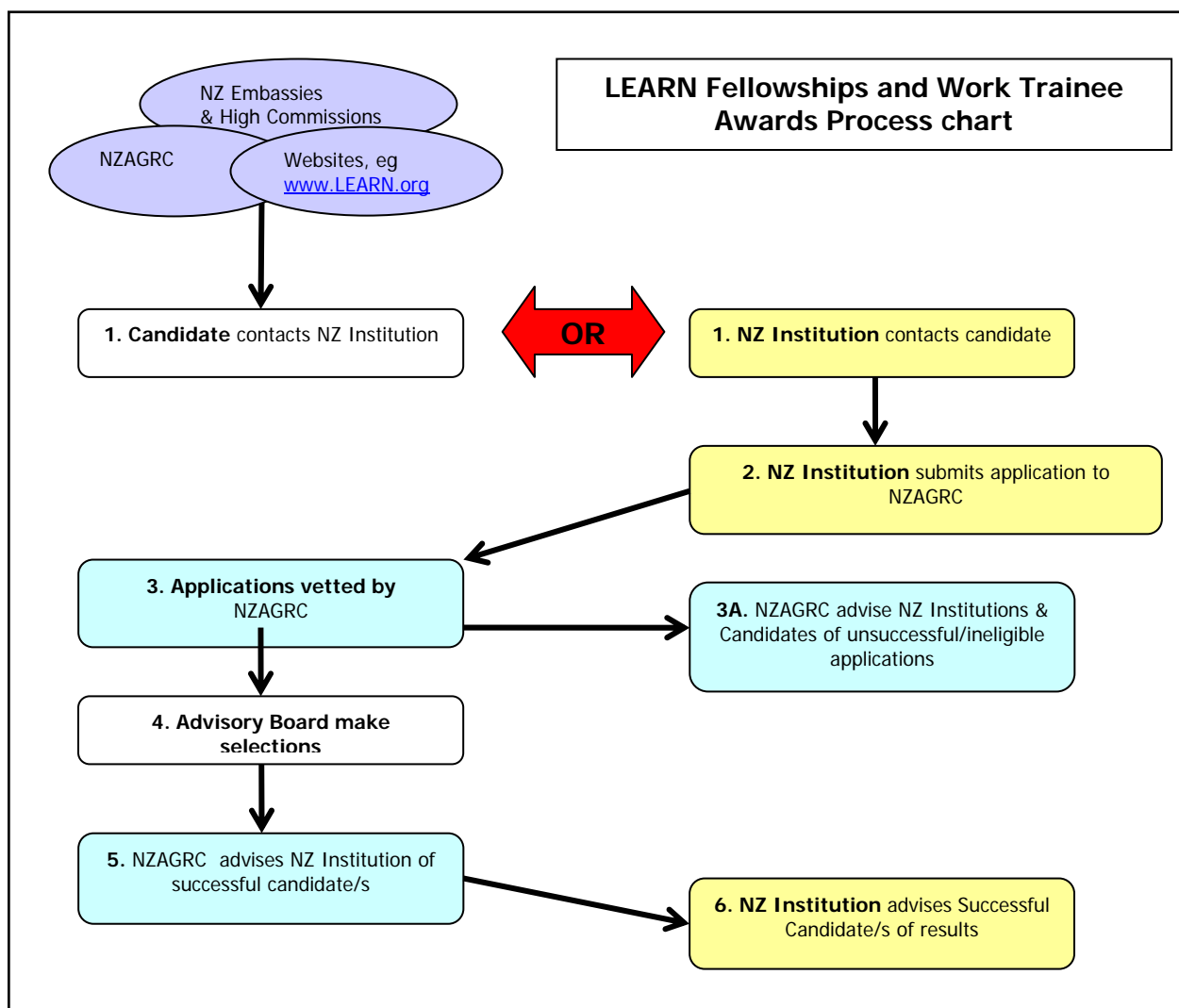
### How to Apply

1. Download the LEARN Fellowships Terms & Conditions, Application form and FAQ from [www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships](http://www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships)
2. The LEARN Fellowships are tenable at New Zealand education or training providers, government departments, Crown Research Institutes and or relevant business enterprises. **Candidates shall be nominated to NZAGRC by the New Zealand host organisation and no candidate shall apply directly to NZAGRC for an award.** At the time of application, the host organisation/service provider shall set individual objectives for each awardee in accordance with their standard organisation job description, setting out expectations and other employment related matters. These objectives should reflect both the training needs of the awardee and critical aspects of the research that they will undertake. These objectives shall be used as a mechanism to assess the progress of the awardee whilst on fellowship.
3. Complete relevant sections of the application form in English. Sign and date the declaration.
4. Attach the supporting documents as stipulated on the application form.
5. Submit application documents directly to the host organisation/service provider
6. Host organisations/Service Providers shall then submit nominees' application papers to NZAGRC Operations manager via e-mail at [heather.went@agresearch.co.nz](mailto:heather.went@agresearch.co.nz). Additional supporting documents shall be submitted to the address listed overleaf.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note all values quoted in New Zealand dollars

<b>Postal Address</b>	<b>Courier Address</b>
Centre Operations Manager	Centre Operations Manager
New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre	New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre
Grasslands Research Centre	Grasslands Research Centre
Private Bag 11008	Tennent Drive
Palmerston North	Palmerston North
4442	



## Selection Process

A selection committee, appointed by NZAGRC, will consider applications.

Selection shall be based upon a number of criteria with preference given to applications from high achieving candidates from developing countries.

- The applicant has a record of research excellence, particularly in the chosen field of study, as supported by academic transcripts and letters of reference, publishing record.
- The applicant meets all eligibility requirements with appropriate supporting documentation.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered under any circumstances.

## LEARN - Terms and Conditions of Awards

The following terms and conditions apply to all fellowship holders:

- Candidates must be nominated to NZAGRC by the New Zealand host organisation/service provider. They may not apply directly to NZAGRC under any circumstances.
- Application forms are to be completed in close consultation with New Zealand research organisations and submitted to **Heather Went, Centre Operations Manager**, by the NZ Host Organisation.
- Fellowship holders may not simultaneously hold other fellowships or scholarships also funded by the New Zealand government. This includes, but is not limited to New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships, Commonwealth and NZAID Scholarships.
- Fellowship holders are responsible for securing an appropriate entry visa to New Zealand and for any fees associated with the visa, including a medical examination. The offer of a fellowship does not guarantee that such a visa will be granted.
- Fellowship holders must follow the rules and regulations of their host organisation
- Candidates who hold New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency may not apply under any circumstances. Should a recipient apply for permanent residency or citizenship during the tenure of their fellowship it will be withdrawn.
- A fellowship shall lapse in the event that a person to whom an award has been made fails to arrive in New Zealand
- Recipients shall comply with the Terms and Conditions of the award in place for the year in which they applied.
- Awardees are expected to provide bi-annual updates on their research to NZAGRC in a form suitable for publication on the LEARN website. These updates should take the form of a short paper (4 pages) and a short presentation at the bi-annual meeting for fellowship recipients.
- Host Organisations/Service Providers will be required to provide mid-term and end of term reports to NZAGRC for each recipient under their supervision.
- Transfer of funds from NZAGRC to host organisations will take place once the candidate has accepted the award and confirmation has been received of their arrival in New Zealand
- All successful candidates will be expected to have sufficient funds at their disposal to last for their first month in New Zealand.

## More information

For more information or clarification about the LEARN Fellowships Programme visit NZAGRC website:

[www.nzagrc.org.nz](http://www.nzagrc.org.nz) or e-mail [heather.went@agresearch.co.nz](mailto:heather.went@agresearch.co.nz) .

Information on these awards is also listed within the following websites:

LEARN Website: [www.livestockemissions.net](http://www.livestockemissions.net)

PGGRC website: [www.pggrc.co.nz](http://www.pggrc.co.nz)

Education NZ Website: [www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships](http://www.newzealandeducated.com/scholarships)

MAF website: [www.maf.govt.nz](http://www.maf.govt.nz)

NZAID website: [www.nzaid.govt.nz](http://www.nzaid.govt.nz)