

CLAUDE McCARTHY FELLOWSHIP

The funds for these fellowships are provided by the income from a substantial bequest by the late Claude McCarthy, who died in Spain in 1978. Mr McCarthy was born in Hororata, West Christchurch in 1888, attended Christchurch Boys' High School 1903 - 7, began university studies in 1907, and graduated BA in 1913. His teaching career was interrupted by war service when he went overseas as a lieutenant in the 24th Reinforcements in 1917. After his return, he graduated MA in 1919 and then went to the United States in 1922. After 25 years there he retired to live on the island of Jersey.

The fellowships shall be known as the Claude McCarthy Fellowships.

Object

The object of the fellowships is to enable graduates of "any one or more of the Universities of New Zealand" to undertake "original work or research in literature, science or medicine". (The words *literature, science or medicine* will be interpreted liberally.)

Purpose

A fellowship may be granted for any one of the following purposes:

- Category A To enable graduates of a New Zealand university, who are registered and enrolled for a doctoral degree at a New Zealand university, to travel overseas for short periods to:
- a) present research work at conferences, and/or
 - b) conduct research leading towards the New Zealand doctoral degree for which they are enrolled.

- NOTES:
- i. Awards to conduct research overseas shall normally not exceed \$5,000 and are intended to supplement other sources of funding.
 - ii. Applications will only be considered from those who have been enrolled for at least one year for their PhD at the time of application.
 - iii. Awards shall normally be available for periods of up to three months. No award shall be made at any time for a period exceeding one year.
 - iv. Awards may be made to cover airfares, conference registration and research costs. The Selection Committee may choose to make a limited contribution towards the living costs of selected Fellows.
 - v. Fellows must use the fellowship funds whilst registered for a doctoral degree or in the year when they were last registered for a doctoral degree should they have submitted their thesis for examination.

- Category B To enable graduates of a New Zealand university whose normal occupation does not allow them to follow up original ideas and undertake research, to carry out research in a New Zealand university.

- NOTES:
- i. Full-time university staff are excluded from applying under this category.
 - ii. These awards may NOT be used for degree study.
 - iii. In 2008, the maximum value of an award under this category was \$30,000.

- Category C To enable *any* university staff member who is a graduate of a New Zealand university to take leave to carry out in New Zealand original work in organisations outside their own institutions.

- NOTE:
- i. In 2008, the maximum value of an award under this category was \$40,000.

Category D To enable *any* university staff member who is a graduate of a New Zealand university to take leave and travel overseas, other than at the time of their normal entitlement for refresher leave and additional to it, to undertake short periods of research in important recent developments relevant to their specialities.

- NOTES:
- i. These awards are not primarily intended as a conference leave opportunity.
 - ii. These awards are not intended to run concurrently or sequentially to study/refresher leave.
 - iii. "Short periods" will generally mean not more than three months.
 - iv. In 2008, the maximum value of an award under this category was \$7,000.

In categories C and D the applicant must be on leave with full pay. Save in exceptional circumstances, awards will not normally be made more than once every ten years to the same Fellow.

Number

The number of fellowships to be awarded in any year in any of the categories above shall be determined by the NZVCC having regard to the income available for the purpose.

No fellowship shall be awarded upon any occasion if the NZVCC shall be of the opinion that there is no candidate of sufficient merit offering.

Selection

The NZVCC shall make awards of the fellowships on recommendation of a special Selection Sub-committee set up for the purpose. The sub-committee may consult with the universities and others as it deems fit.

The selection committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Emolument

The emolument of each fellow shall be decided by the Committee according to seniority, country of residence during the tenure of the fellowship and the nature of the project. Assistance for expenses incurred in travel, employment of technical staff, special equipment, etc. may be provided.

Funding is awarded for use in the academic year *following* application.

Application

Every person who wishes to be considered for the award of a Claude McCarthy Fellowship shall fill in the special application form which can be obtained from the NZVCC or from any of the universities and this, together with accompanying documents, shall be sent to the Scholarships Manager of the NZVCC by 1 August in the year before taking up the fellowship. University staff and Doctoral scholars (Category A and Category C) should apply to the Scholarships Office of the university by which they are employed/enrolled by **1 August**. Each application shall be accompanied by:

- (a) A statement of the candidate's proposed original work or research project and indicating the university or other organisation in which the said programme is to be undertaken;

- (b) The names and addresses of two confidential referees (who have been asked to report by **1 August**);
- (c) A full, itemised account of all estimated expenses;
- (d) Such other information as the NZVCC may from time to time require;
- (e) Those applying under categories C and D must provide detailed information on their eligibility for study leave from their present university employer.

Fellows taking up study overseas may be required to submit a recent medical certificate satisfactory to the Committee.

Term

The term of a fellowship shall be at the discretion of the NZVCC but shall not normally exceed one year.

Reports

Fellows shall make a report on the progress of their programmes to the NZVCC in all cases and shall make a final detailed report to that body on the conclusion of the fellowship.

Suspension or Termination

The NZVCC may at any time suspend or terminate any fellowship, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the fellowship emolument as the said Committee may determine, if it is satisfied that the fellow is not diligently pursuing the programme of research or original work or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the fellowship was awarded; and a fellowship shall be terminated and no further payments shall be made if a fellow ceases to pursue the aforesaid programme.

Positions of Emolument

Fellows shall normally be required to devote their whole time during the tenure of the fellowship to their original work or research but may undertake a limited amount of teaching as the NZVCC may determine in each case.

Co-tenure

Fellows shall not hold any other emoluments except on such terms and conditions as the NZVCC shall determine in each case.

Power to Vary Conditions

It shall be lawful for the NZVCC on the recommendation of its sub-committee at any time and from time to time to amplify, vary or rescind all or any of the conditions relating to the said fellowship and the award and tenure thereof specified in the preceding clauses and to add any further or substitute other conditions, provided that no such conditions shall be inconsistent with the general purpose of the said bequest.

It shall be lawful for the NZVCC on the recommendation of its sub-committee at any time and from time to time to make, amplify, vary or rescind any rules or regulations that it may deem necessary or desirable for the purpose of facilitating the award of the said fellowships in any other way giving better effect to the purpose of the said bequest, provided that such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the general purpose of the said bequest or with the conditions for the time being relating to the said fellowships and the award and tenure thereof.