



UNC South-Pacific Incoming Research Scholarship Description of the program

Call for proposal 2017

The UNC South Pacific research scholarship was established in 2013 with the support of the French Pacific Fund to foster incoming mobility of students from the English speaking South Pacific countries to the UNC research labs. The program will enable Master / PhD scholars from South Pacific Universities to spend from 1 to 12 months at the University of New Caledonia, undertaking bachelor, doctoral study or graduate internship towards the completion of their Bachelor, PhD or Master degree.

For the duration of the program the host institution will provide the beneficiaries with the following benefits:

- Return travel expenses to the UNC (up to 100 000 XFP, equivalent to 934 USD),
- UNC On-campus residential accommodation at no charge (equivalent to 40 000 XFP / 335 USD per month),*
- A monthly stipend equivalent to 30 000 XFP (251 USD),
- Office facilities,
- French languages courses.

*Off-campus residential accommodation is not covered.

Maximum of 600.000 XPF per student for duration of the stay (travel and scholarship)

Selection Criteria

The candidates may apply for internships framing in the research's themes of UNC labs.

After an eligibility check, the selection committee will rank the applicants considering the consistency between the applicant's academic skills and background and the lab's research themes.

The first-ranked applicants will receive the scholarship. A reserve list will be established in the event that an applicant is unable to accept an offer.

UNC will select candidates on merit but if two interviewed candidates are ranked equally by the selection committee, preference will be given in 2017 to applicants from Papua New Guinea.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be enrolled as Bachelor / Master Degree or PhD scholars in good standing in their home institution, this institution being based in Australia, New Zealand, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Norfolk Island, Easter Island, Pitcairn, Tokelau, Wake, Hawaii, Indonesia, Atoll Johnson, Midway Island, Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa, American Samoa, Solomon Island, Vanuatu, regardless of his/her nationality,
- Students from the University of French Polynesia and students with French nationality cannot apply),
- have completed a minimum of 12 months equivalent full-time of their Bachelor / Master / PhD enrolment,
- be undertaking research in any of the fields of study matching the UNC priorities
- be able to travel to the host university at the time agreed for the duration of the program,
- be under 30 years old (at the day of arrival in New Caledonia)

Please ensure you carefully read the conditions of award before applying for this scholarship.

Application

Applications will consist of:

- An online application form with a concise statement of the research the applicant proposes to undertake at the host university,
- Referee's Questionnaire,
- A copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

. For further information, please contact: **Gwénaëlle RENAUD, Director,
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Applications are now open for the 2017 program. Applications close April, 30th 2017

Applications to be sent to : gwenaelle.renaud@univ-nc.nc

Conditions of Award

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this scholarship program is to foster research collaboration between the UNC and the English-speaking tertiary institutions of the South Pacific. This scholarship program aims at providing funding sources to support student mobility at Master and PhD levels in the context of the PIURN network and of the building of reinforced research collaborations between New Caledonia, Australia and New Zealand.

This program will enable students from English-speaking tertiary institutions of the South Pacific to spend a consecutive period not exceeding 12 months undertaking bachelor, master or doctoral internship towards the completion of their PhD, master and bachelor degree

This program is managed by the University of New Caledonia, with the financial support of the French Pacific Fund.

1. VALUE

- 1.1 The UNC will provide the scholar with one airfare from their home institution to the UNC at the commencement of the program and one airfare from the UNC to their home institution at the conclusion of the program (up to 100 000 XFP, equivalent to 934 USD)
- 1.2 For the duration of the program on an annual basis, the UNC will provide the scholar with the following benefits:
 - a) On-campus residential accommodation at the UNC, free of charge. If the scholar elects to take up off-campus residential accommodation for all or part of the program duration they must do so fully at their own expense.
 - b) A monthly stipend equivalent to 30 000 XFP (251 USD) at the time of the exchange paid in accordance with the scholarship policies of the host university.
 - c) Office facilities in accordance with UNC policy on support for visiting researchers.
 - d) French language courses

Maximum of 600.000 XFP per student for duration of the stay (travel and scholarship)

2. ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship shall be available for award to a student who:

- a) Is enrolled as a Bachelor, Master or PhD student in a tertiary institution based in Australia, New Zealand, Cook Islands, Fidji, Kiribati, Marshall, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palaos, Papoua New Guinea, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Norfolk Island, Easter Island, Pitcairn, Tokelau, Wake, Hawaii, Indonesia, Atoll Johnson, Midway Island, Tonga, Tuvalu, Samoa, American Samoa, Salomon island, Vanuatu, regardless of his/her nationality,
- b) Students from the University of French Polynesia and students with French nationality cannot apply

- c) has completed a minimum of 12 months equivalent full-time of their Bachelor, Master or PhD enrolment,
- d) Is undertaking research in any of the fields of study corresponding to the research profiles published each year by the UNC.
- e) Is able to travel to the host university at the time agreed for the duration of the program.
- f) be under 30 years old (at the day of arrival in New Caledonia)

3. APPLICATION

Applications will consist of:

- a) An application with a concise statement of the research the applicant proposes to undertake at the host university,
- b) Referee's Questionnaire
- c) A copy of the applicant's curriculum vitae.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

4. SELECTION

After an eligibility check, the selection committee will rank the applicants considering the consistency between the UNC internship profile and the applicant's academic skills and background for the requested profile.

The first-ranked applicants will receive the scholarship. A reserve list will be established in the event that an applicant is unable to accept an offer

UNC will select candidates on merit but if two interviewed candidates are ranked equally by the selection committee, preference could be given to a specific country, depending on the UNC priority (see yearly call for proposal).

5. TENURE

The program is for a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 12 consecutive months, with the timing agreed between the UNC and the scholar from the other institution when a scholarship offer is accepted.

6. REPORTING

Upon completion of the research internship and return to the home institution, the scholar must provide a short report on the experience (between 5 and 15 pages).

7. TERMINATION

The scholarship will terminate upon completion of the duration of the program and return to the home institution. The scholarship will be terminated if the recipient does not adhere to the Tenure Clause or does not complete the proposed research.

8. PUBLICITY

It is anticipated that recipients of the UNC South Pacific Incoming Research Scholarship may be requested to participate in publicity of the scholarship from time to time.

Recipients may be contacted for an interview and photograph. The UNC may also publicize the grants by publishing the names of the recipients. Arrangements for such publicity will be made through the marketing and communications offices of the UNC, together with the home university.

9. VISA

The beneficiary will take care of the visa procedure.

10. INSURANCE

Each beneficiary will mandatorily subscribe a insurance contract ensuring a full coverage during the entire scholarship period in New Caledonia.

11. DISCLAIMER

The award of a scholarship does not carry any commitment by the UNC for future employment.