



National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies Te Ao o Rongomaraeroa

Rei Foundation / NCPACS Doctoral Scholarship 2020 – 2022

National Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies
University of Otago

Applications are invited for two 3-year Rei Foundation Doctoral Scholarships at the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Otago.

The NCPACS is New Zealand's first Centre to combine global cross-disciplinary expertise on the issues of non-violence, development, peacebuilding and conflict transformation. It offers postgraduate programmes at the Masters and PhD level; conducts high-level research on the causes of conflicts, violence and social injustice, as well as the conditions for sustainable peace; and provides training, evaluation expertise, and expert advice to government and non-governmental organizations engaged in humanitarian intervention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding. It is a postgraduate theory, research and practice centre, located within the Division of Humanities. Our aim is to provide PhD graduates with the most advanced theoretical insight into the origins and management of all forms of violence and conflicts as well as skills for dealing with that in their future academic or professional work. Our regional foci are Aotearoa - New Zealand, Oceania, East and Southeast Asia.

Applicants must have a practice and/or policy background and a commitment to pursuing projects that build on the following existing strengths of the Centre after graduation:

- Nonviolent Movements and Pacifism
- Development and Peacebuilding
- Post Conflict Reconstruction: Transitional Justice, Reconciliation and Social Healing
- Peace Education
- Critical Peace Studies
- Arms Control and Disarmament
- Intergroup Relations and Trust
- Social-Psychological Dimension of Peace and Conflict
- Climate Change and Conflict

A minimum of two years work experience and / or activism experience in the fields of conflict/peace related issues together with appropriate academic achievements are required for applicants to be eligible for this scholarship. All successful applicants will be encouraged to be sensitive to the political realities of marginalized populations and those who experience disadvantage within the framework of their thesis.

The scholarships will be funded through the University of Otago and provide an annual stipend of NZ\$25,000 for up to 36 months (3 years). Please note the scholarships will also cover tuition fees.

The scholarships are available to both International and Domestic students. If you are interested in applying please send an email with 'RFL/NCPACS PhD Scholarships 2019-2021' in the subject line to the email address given below.

Please attach to your email the following items:

- an up-to-date Curriculum Vitae,
- copies of relevant academic transcripts,
- a research proposal 5-10 pages in length,
- two letters of reference,
- evidence of your practice and/or policy background.

Applications can be forwarded to:

The Centre Manager, National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

Tel +64 3 479 4546

Email: peaceandconflict@otago.ac.nz

Website: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/humanities/ncpacs/>

Applications close: Friday 30 August 2019

Applications are particularly welcome from students traditionally under-represented in higher education, such as Indigenous students particularly tangata whenua and Pasifika. We also welcome students with disabilities, and students from countries in the global south. We seek to ensure that our Centre reflects the expansive diversity of our global community.

I look forward to welcoming the successful candidates into the programme in 2020.



Professor Richard Jackson
Director, NCPACS