

PhD scholarship opportunity in New Zealand

Understand how fire agencies can best sponsor and support the development of resilience in communities and community members

Applications close: 1 September 2019

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) and the Bushfire and Natural Hazards Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) are interested in funding a PhD Scholarship to explore the development of resilience in communities and community members. The Joint Centre for Disaster Research at Massey University has been identified as a research group able to support a PhD research project to: **Understand how fire agencies can best sponsor and support the development of resilience in communities and community members.**

The successful student will be expected to engage regularly with an industry supervisor based in FENZ to build their knowledge of how their research will be utilised; to gain an appreciation of how to present research information to less research-aware communities; and to expand their personal networks.

The scholarship

This PhD scholarship is available to a suitable student who is accepted into a PhD program at Massey University. The successful scholarship holder will receive NZ\$28,500 per year for up to 3.5 years under the scholarship program.

Benefits of this scholarship

The scholarship holder will have access to a range of opportunities during, and after, their period of study:

- Participation in the CRC's knowledge network, including: (1) The annual AFAC Conference in Australia and CRC Research Forum (with funding to support participation at least once during the period of study), (2) Relevant CRC Research Advisory Forums in Australia (with funding to support participation at least twice during the period of study), and (3) Invitations to participate in all CRC events and relevant FENZ research activities
- Opportunities to apply for travel through the CRC's Travel Support
- Support from the CRC's communications team to promote the scholarship holder's research through printed, web and social media
- Close links to FENZ.

Timetable

- Applications close: **1 September 2019**
- Selection of candidate by **30 September 2019** (offer must be accepted within 3 weeks)
- Applicant to commence PhD studies by **1 December 2019** (can start earlier)

Applications

Please send an expression of interest and short CV (maximum 2-5 pages) to Heather Gunn, email H.M.Gunn@massey.ac.nz.