

TE REINGA AKATAUNGA'ANGA  
COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT  
TERTIARY STUDY SUPPORT SCHEMES  
INTERNATIONAL OPTIONS: 2018



COOK ISLANDS  
Ministry of Education  
Maraurau o te Pae Api'i

### STUDY STARTER PACK

One off grant to students wishing to travel overseas to study. It is available to first year students inclusive of school leavers or mature students commencing a programme of study (certificate, diploma under or post graduate).

Nb Post-graduate applicants must have had a two year stand down from previous support.

#### ***What does it cover?***

- Airfares
- Establishment allowance

Student should then apply for tuition, allowance and/ or living cost with Study Link (the Ministry can help with the processing of this).

#### ***Who can apply for a study starter pack?***

All Cook Islands Residents including PRs or dependents (under 18 and New Zealand Citizens)

- School Leavers who has completed at least the last 2 years of secondary schooling in the Cook Islands
- Mature student who has lived 5 of the last 20 years in the Cook Islands including at least the last two years consecutively

#### ***What happens after my first year?***

Scholarship becomes available at different levels from second year onwards based on achievement in the first year.

#### ***Criteria***

Starter packs are intended to give opportunity for Cook Islanders to study across a wide range of programme areas

and levels. First 10 packs are to be distributed as follows:

- Top two Year 13 results (any course)
- Top 4 linkages to Labour Market (any course)
- Top 2 TVET programmes (certificate or diploma)
- Top entrepreneurial/enterprise applicant
- **Top Pa Eua (either there or student on OIAG)**

It is estimated up to another 10 starter packs will be available.

## **FULL SCHOLARSHIP**

### ***What does it cover?***

- Return flights annually
- Students continue to study with student loan for tuition and any eligible student allowance and living cost
- Scholarship tops up student allowance/living cost to meet genuine costs
- On return the entire loan (including first year) is paid off pro-rata by scholarship

### ***Who can apply?***

Any student meeting the criteria of the Study Starter Pack prior to commencing their studies. Consideration will be given to:

- Academic achievement in first year of study
- Links to labour market and NSDP (academic or vocational)
- Gender and geography

These awards are for the very highest achieving first year students.

### ***Student Liability***

- Failure to successfully complete programme or failure to return—loan (tuition and living cost) remains a liability to the student

## **STUDY SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIP**

### ***What does it cover?***

- 70% of previous year's tuition to provide a level of cashflow so that you can continue your study
- Continue to study with student loan for tuition and any eligible student allowance and living cost
- Hardship support applicable
- On return the tuition of second and third year and the living cost part of their student loan will be repaid pro-rata by the scholarship

### ***Who can apply?***

Any student meeting the criteria of the Study Starter Pack prior to commencing their studies. Consideration will be given to:

- Academic achievement in first year of study
- Links to labour market and NSDP (academic or vocational)
- Gender and geography

### ***Student Liability***

- Failure to successfully complete programme or failure to return—loan (tuition and living cost) remains a liability to the student

## **COOK ISLANDS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUCCESS GRANT**

### ***What it covers?***

- 50% reimbursement of tuition fees for any courses depending on income and achievement levels

### ***Criteria***

- Reimbursement of up to 50% tuition fees on successful completion of semester (based on results).
- Programmes of study in New Zealand, Australia or Pacific Region
- You are not on a current MOE scholarship or have not been on a Scholarship sponsored by MOE or Scholarship or have your tuition sponsored by the University where you are studying.

### ***Who can apply?***

All Cook Islanders including PRs and dependents (under 18) who have lived in the Cook Islands for at least the 5

years prior to application or those that demonstrate a continuous relationship with the country if they have left for other reasons.

## **5. RETURNING COOK ISLANDER GRANT**

### ***What does it cover?***

Reimbursement of a percentage of tuition fees as part of student loan repayment on a per annum basis

### ***Who can apply?***

Cook Islanders who have completed a tertiary qualification New Zealand and returns home.

### ***Criteria***

Quality of qualification

Returns and engages in relevant fulltime employment

### ***Who can apply for Scholarship?***

Resident Cook Islanders , including Permanent Residents (PRs) or dependents thereof (under 18) , who have lived in the Cook Islands for at least 3 years prior to commencement of scholarship.

### ***When can you apply?***

Contact MOE or visit our website: [www.education.gov.ck](http://www.education.gov.ck) for an application form. Please follow the instructions on the form when applying.

### ***What should do I do now?***

Download, complete and return the application form. For 2018, this will only include Study Starter Packs and International Student Success Grants. You should be actively applying to Universities or Technical Institutes and organizing your accommodation if needed.

***If you are concerned that you might not be eligible, give us a call and tell us about your circumstances so we can see how we might be able to help you.***

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