

R&D Fellowship Grant

Information for students

WHAT A STUDENT NEEDS TO KNOW

Is this opportunity for me?	<p>If you are undertaking a master's or PhD degree in science, technology, engineering, or design then a Callaghan Innovation Fellowship could help you gain valuable commercial experience in a research and development (R&D) environment.</p>
What does Callaghan Innovation do?	<p>Our purpose is to help New Zealand businesses succeed through technology. We connect high-tech businesses with research organisations across the innovation system, as well as operate our own extensive science, engineering and technology laboratories and specialist equipment. We also help businesses develop their own skills and expertise to successfully take ideas to market, and manage around \$160 million a year in funding and grants to support business innovation and capability building.</p>
How can the grant help me?	<p>R&D Fellowship grants are designed to provide funding support for students to undertake a PhD, or the research component of a master's degree, which is aimed at solving a technical or scientific problem for a business in a commercial environment.</p> <p>Funding is available for up to three years for a PhD and up to two years for a master's degree. In the case of masters, funding is provided to cover the research thesis or project only and will not cover coursework.</p> <p>Maximum payments for a PhD or master's degree research project per annum are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stipend \$26,000 (GST exempt) p.a. • University host fee \$4,500 (GST exclusive) p.a. <p>See the Fellowship Funding Calculation Guide for more information.</p>
How does it work?	<p>A business can apply for an R&D Fellowship Grant once the university supervisor has agreed the research project with the business and identified a suitable student. Solving the problem for the business will be the project's purpose. The research is undertaken inside the business and at the university, and is the research topic on which the PhD or master's thesis or project is based. The business and the university supervisor will jointly supervise the student's research project. The student is paid through the university.</p>
Who can apply?	<p>To be eligible for an R&D Fellowship placement you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be enrolled in a masters or PhD requiring the completion of a research thesis or project • Be studying science, technology, engineering, design or business at a New Zealand university or tertiary institute • Be a New Zealand citizen, New Zealand resident or hold a relevant visa. <p>Note: If a student requires a visa to study in New Zealand, the funding may be conditionally offered by Callaghan Innovation to support the visa application process.</p>
How do I apply?	<p>Talk to university academics in your area of study, head of research, or the research office. University academics will have established relationships with business and are your best option to facilitate a fellowship arrangement. You can also contact businesses directly.</p>
What types of R&D businesses receive grants?	<p>Some of New Zealand's most exciting high-tech companies are recipients of funding for R&D Student Grants. We encourage applications from businesses with active R&D programmes, which realise the value of interns in building their capability, and with expertise to supervise students and time to invest in their professional development.</p>

What can I expect from the business?	The business will provide technical work relevant to your degree in a commercial R&D environment. They will have a professional development plan and a mentor who is different to your supervisor or manager to provide strong immersion in a positive R&D culture.
What other opportunities are available?	There are three types of student grants available to suit most levels of tertiary education, including; R&D Experience, R&D Career, and R&D Fellowship. For information on our student grant programme, please see Callaghan Innovation website .