

## New Zealand-ASEAN Scholars Awards Country Profile: Indonesia



*Open to eligible candidates from the public, private and civil society sectors.  
The New Zealand-ASEAN Scholars Awards seek to empower individuals with the  
knowledge, skills and qualifications to contribute to sustainable economic,  
social and political development within ASEAN nations.*

### Background

The New Zealand-ASEAN Scholars Awards seek to make a substantial contribution to the ASEAN region's development by providing opportunities for postgraduate study - i.e. postgraduate diploma, master's and doctoral (PhD) degrees - in New Zealand.

The New Zealand-ASEAN Scholars Awards (NZ-AS) are part of the New Zealand's official development assistance to the ASEAN region. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), delivers this scholarship scheme, through the New Zealand Aid Programme.

Under the NZ-AS Awards, up to 50 scholarships per year are available for Indonesian applicants from a total of 182 scholarships allocated to candidates from ASEAN countries. The scholarships are for full time study at one of nine eligible New Zealand higher education institutions.

### Themes

The NZ-AS focuses on fields of study in support of Indonesia's sustainable economic development, especially in the areas of agriculture, renewable energy (particularly geothermal energy) and disaster risk management. Candidates should be able to demonstrate how their proposed course of study will contribute to Indonesia's development needs and strategies.

### Targeted Candidates

The New Zealand Aid Programme welcomes applicants from Indonesia who can demonstrate leadership qualities and academic excellence from both the Government and private sectors (which includes civil society groups, universities, development-focused organisations and charitable foundations).

Additional priority will be given to applicants with the following backgrounds:

1. **Geographic area:** Individuals from Eastern Indonesia (West Nusa Tenggara, East Nusa Tenggara, Maluku, North Maluku, Papua and West Papua). Eastern Indonesia is a geographic area of focus in New Zealand's bilateral development programme in recognition of the complexity of the development challenges faced within these sub-regions compared to most other parts of the archipelago. The New Zealand Aid Programme has had a longstanding association with Eastern Indonesia and we believe it is important to continue that commitment through developing human capital needs so the sub-region can progress and make the most of the opportunities that exist in these provinces for development.

2. **Government departments:** Individuals from the Ministries of Agriculture, Forestry, Mineral Resources and Energy, Marine Resources and Fisheries, Environment, Tourism, Education and Culture, Foreign Affairs, and Defence (civilian officials), including relevant research institutions under those Ministries, and also the National Police, the National Agency for Planning and Development, and the National Agency for Disaster Management.