

Regulations for 2010

Background

BRCSS II (Building Research Capability in the Social Sciences/Hui Rangahau Tahī) is the 2010 calendar-year extension of the Tertiary Education Commission-funded 2005-2009 BRCSS collaboration of social scientists. BRCSS II activities continue the commitment to build social science research capability and support the development of innovative research.

A key strategy in the capability-building strand of BRCSS II is the provision of awards supporting social science postgraduates to complete qualifications, participate in research projects, establish collegial linkages and accumulate research experience. Applicants for Doctoral Completion Awards are required to provide a statement showing how the Award will contribute to their research capability.

Regulations

1. The Awards shall be known as The BRCSS II Doctoral Completion Awards.
2. The purpose of the Award is to build research capability among emerging researchers in the social sciences in Aotearoa/New Zealand.
3. The tenure of the award is the 2010 calendar year.
4. The Award will have a maximum value of \$10,000 which will be paid in instalments during the period of tenure, with the final payment dependent on proof of submission of the thesis.
5. To be eligible for the award the candidate must be:
 - A New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand;
 - Enrolled full-time or part-time for a doctoral degree at the Auckland University of Technology, Lincoln University, Massey University, the University of Auckland, the University of Canterbury, the University of Otago, the University of Waikato or Victoria University of Wellington; and
 - In his or her final eight (8) months of study for the degree and engaged in research for a doctoral thesis
6. The Award may be held together with any other bursary, prize or student allowance unless the condition for the other funding precludes this.
7. Applications for this round are to be made in the prescribed manner by **5.00pm Wednesday 17 March 2010**.
8. The selection of scholars will be made by a BRCSS II Awards Sub-Committee on the basis of the written applications.
 - All candidates will be advised in writing of the result of their applications.
 - The offer of a BRCSS II Doctoral Completion Award must be accepted within a maximum of one (1) month after the formal offer of the award being made. If the candidate fails to accept the award within the one (1) month period, the offer shall lapse.

BRCSS II Doctoral Completion Awards

9. A condition of a BRCSS II Doctoral Completion Award is the submission of a progress report after three months, and, on completion of the thesis, submission of a 500-word report on the research findings and capability achieved. The final report will be posted on the BRCSS II website.
10. A maximum of thirteen (13) awards will be made in the March 2010 application round.

Application Form

TWO (2) hard copies of the application form and accompanying attachments must be received by Frances Austin, the BRCSS Administration Manager, by 5.00pm Wednesday 17 March 2010.

Frances Austin
Administrator
BRCSS Secretariat
c/o College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Massey University
Wallace Street
Mt Cook
WELLINGTON 6021

If possible, please also **email your application**, including scanned copies of attachments, to:
F.R.Austin@massey.ac.nz.

Please ensure that all questions are answered and that all the required attachments accompany this application form. You may jeopardise your chances of success if you do not complete your application properly.

Your personal details

For correspondence regarding this application

Full name	
Postal address	
Phone number	
Email	

Previous study

Please indicate details of any previous study undertaken

Enrolment details

Please indicate the qualification for which you are enrolled as a full-time or part-time student in 2010

Qualification	
University	
Year doctorate commenced	
Department	

When do you expect to submit your thesis for examination?

Month/2010	
------------	--

Declaration of chief supervisor

Chief Supervisor	
Email	
Department	
University	
I believe that the applicant will be in a position to submit their doctoral thesis in 2010.	
Signature/Date	

Research abstract

Please include an abstract of your doctoral research using the following headings (400 words maximum)

Title	
Background	
Rationale	
Theoretical approach	
Methods	

Building capability statement

BRCSS II defines 'research capability in the social sciences' broadly. It applies to individuals and collaborations/networks. It may be shown by knowledge, experience or skills that demonstrate preparedness for future research.

Please explain how the Award will build your capability. (500 words maximum)

You may wish to discuss your statement with your supervisor. Your statement may address the ways in which your new capability will contribute to one or more of the following:

- The development of important ideas for New Zealand
- Research design, methodology and/or ethical or practical matters
- The university, as a 'centre of scholarship' in your field or in related fields
- The objectives that are advanced through networks and collaborations among social scientists
- Your future aspirations as an individual scholar
- Your research agenda and future directions

Capability Statement	
----------------------	--

Additional information

Please include up to three items of additional information, such as work experience or publication citations, which you consider relevant to the application (150 words maximum)

Special circumstances

Indicate any special circumstances which you consider relevant to the application (100 words maximum)

Special circumstances	
-----------------------	--

Attachments

Please attach the following to your application form:

- **TWO (2)** referees reports; one academic and one character
- Proof of New Zealand Citizenship or Permanent Residence
- An official or certified copy of your academic records detailing your study to date
- A one-page curriculum vitae
- A statement of support from your supervisor outlining the capability dimensions that are significant in your research work and that would be supported by this Award, co-signed by Head of Department

Conditions

I understand that:

1. If I am offered an Award, and accept the offer of the Award, then I will only be eligible to be formally awarded the Award if I am enrolled full-time or part-time for a Doctoral degree in 2010 and I will comply with all other specific requirements of the Award.
2. The BRCSS II Awards Sub-Committee may terminate the Award at any time and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the holder is not following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Award. The holder of an Award shall have the right to appeal against any decision to terminate the award.

Privacy declaration

The information requested in the application form will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your application for the Award for which you are applying. Personal information contained in this application will be made available to members of the BRCSS II Awards Sub-Committee and staff of the Scholarships Office at your University.

Your application will be stored in a secure place in the event that you are successful in gaining an award or are selected as a reserve candidate for an award. In the event that you are unsuccessful in gaining an award, your application will be destroyed to preserve its confidentiality. Should you have reason to believe that information held about you in either your application or your academic record is incorrect, you have the right of access to, and correction of, that information.

Signature	
Date	