

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.

The Targeted Post-graduate Awards complement the work of the BRCSS-affiliated Maori, Pacific and New Settler networks. Each of the three networks has the capacity to allocate three types of award – Master's completion, PhD completion and PhD entry-level assistance.

The intent of the Targeted Post-graduate Research Awards is to encourage social science research with Maori, Pacific or New Settler communities. For example, Maori students doing Maori social science, Pacific students doing Pacific research and in the case of New Settlers, students who are doing social science research on, of, by or for New Settler communities in New Zealand. Priority will be given to people who self-identify with those communities and to students not already in receipt of a concurrent BRCSS grant.

Applicants for the Targeted Post-graduate Awards (Maori, Pacific and New Settler) are required to provide a statement showing how the Award will build their research capability, produce research outputs and benefit their communities.

Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as The BRCSS II Targeted Post-graduate Research 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 awards is for the 2010 calendar year.
4. The Award will have a maximum value of \$3,000 for MA completion, \$10,000 for PhD completion and \$5,000 for PhD Proposal preparation, which will be paid in instalments during the period of tenure, with the final payment dependent on completion of the project.
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 Master's degree at the Auckland University of Technology, Lincoln University, Massey University, the University of Auckland, the University of Canterbury, the University of Otago, the Victoria University of Wellington, the University of Waikato, Wananga or other tertiary affiliated institution.

BRCSS Targeted Post-graduate Research Awards

- Be at a stage of completion that accords with the award conditions:

For a Master's Award:

In his or her final year of study for the degree and engaged in research for a Master's thesis that is equivalent to at least 0.75 FTE, with at least 4 months full-time or part-time enrolment remaining before submission of the thesis in 2010; OR

For a PhD Completion Award:

In his or her final year of study for the PhD and engaged in research for a doctoral thesis with no more than 8 months enrolment remaining before submission of the thesis; OR

For a PhD Entry-Assistance Award:

Enrolled in a PhD programme, and be able to demonstrate that his or her PhD enrolment has received formal recognition from the university that confirms that the applicant has progressed to the acceptance or confirmation stage of the PhD, and that his or her (full) proposal is timetabled for completion by November 2010 at the latest.

6. The Award may be held together with any other bursary, prize or student allowance unless the condition of the other funding precludes this, but may not be held with a concurrent BRCSS grant.
7. Applications for this round are to be made in the prescribed manner by 5.00pm on Wednesday 24 March 2010.
8. The selection of scholars will be made by a BRCSS II Awards Sub-Committee, assisted by academic representatives from the respective BRCSS affiliated Maori, Pacific and New Settler Networks on the basis of the written applications.
 - All candidates will be advised in writing of the result of their application.
 - The offer of a BRCSS II Targeted Post-graduate Research 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.
9. A condition of a BRCSS II Targeted Post-graduate Research Award is the submission of a progress report after three months, and, on completion of the thesis or Proposal, 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 twenty (20) awards, allocated between the three networks 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 the BRCSS Administration Manager, by 5.00pm Wednesday 24 March 2010.

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

Applications should also be **emailed**, 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.

Category in which you apply

		Tick
Maori	MA Completion	
	PhD Completion	
	PhD Entry	
Pacific	MA Completion	
	PhD Completion	
	PhD Entry	
New Settler	MA Completion	
	PhD Completion	
	PhD Entry	

Your personal details

(For correspondence regarding this application)

Full name	
Postal address	
Phone number	
Email	
Affiliation (Iwi)	
(Pacific)	
(New Settler)	

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	
Department	

When do you expect to complete the requirements for the qualification you have indicated above?

Month/year	
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Research proposal

Please include an abstract of your research using the following headings (300 words maximum)

Title	
Background	
Rationale	
Theoretical approach	
Methods	

Building capability statement

BRCSS II defines 'research capability in the social sciences' broadly, inclusive of individual or collaborative/networked knowledge, experience or skills that demonstrate your preparedness for future research and the production of research outputs. Please indicate how the Award will build your capability (200 words maximum)

Capability Statement	
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Community benefit statement

The intent of the Targeted Post-graduate Research Awards is to encourage social science research with Maori, Pacific or New Settler communities and will benefit these communities. Please indicate how the Award will achieve these benefits (200 words maximum)

Community benefit statement	
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Future aspirations

Please include a statement indicating how the research degree contributes to your further career aspirations (200 words maximum)

Career aspirations	
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Additional information or special circumstances

Any additional information or special circumstances which you consider relevant to the application (100 words maximum)

Special circumstances	
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Attachments

Please attach the following to your application form:

- **TWO (2)** referee's 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 statement of support from your supervisor outlining the capability dimensions of the research and supervision (200 words), 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 PhD or Master's degree in 2010 and I will comply with all other specific requirements of the Award.
2. The BRCSS II Awards Sub-Committee may terminate an 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 attached 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	