

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 Master's Research 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 Master's 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 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 or the University of Waikato.
 - 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.
6. The Award may be held together with any other bursary, prize or student allowance unless the condition of the other funding precludes this.
7. Applications for this round are to be made in the prescribed manner by 5.00pm Wednesday 10 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 application.
 - The offer of a BRCSS II Master's 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.

BRCSS Master's Research Awards

9. A condition of a BRCSS II Master's Research 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 twenty (20) 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 Delwyn Puna, on behalf of the BRCSS Administration Manager, by 5.00pm Wednesday 10 March 2010.

BRCSS Secretariat
c/o Delwyn Puna
Administrator
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Massey University
Wallace Street
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WELLINGTON 6021

If possible, please also **email your application**, including scanned copies of attachments, to:
D.Puna@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	
Department	

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

Month/2010	
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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 preparedness for future research. Please indicate how the Award will build your capability (200 words maximum)

Capability 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 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	