

IAN AXFORD (NEW ZEALAND) FELLOWSHIPS IN PUBLIC POLICY

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

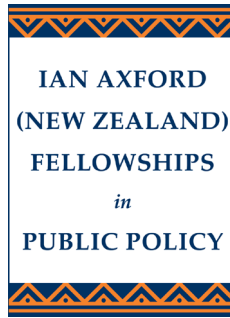
For Fellows in New Zealand in 2027

GENERAL GUIDELINES/CHECKLIST

- Applications must be typed using a font no smaller than 10 point.
- Ensure that all required sections of the application are completed, and a recent photograph is emailed with, or attached to, your application.
- Attach a CV of no more than four pages.
- Attach copies of correspondence with potential host.
Please note you are best served to begin correspondence with your potential host agency well in advance of the application deadline.
- Attach a photograph of yourself.
Please attach a head & shoulders photograph with your application. Photographs are used to assist with identification for the interview process.
- Attach a letter from your employer in support of your application.
The letter should confirm their support for your application in this fellowship programme and also confirm whether you will receive full, partial or no paid leave to undertake the fellowship.
- Attach one example of a published research article or report written by you.
Applicants should supply an electronic copy of a published peer-reviewed research article or report that represents the best example of their individual work. Applicants who have not published in journals should include a policy-related report authored by the applicant. For articles or reports that exceed 20 pages, please select a sample that best reflects a policy writing style.
- The deadline for the receipt of applications is 10am Tuesday 21 April 2026 (New Zealand Time).** In fairness to all applicants who meet the deadline, we cannot accept applications received after this time.

- Email** your completed application and supporting documents to fellowships@fulbright.org.nz.

If you have any questions concerning eligibility or the application process, please contact
The Programme Manager, Fulbright New Zealand
Telephone +64 4 494 1501, E-mail fellowships@fulbright.org.nz



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APPLICATION FORM

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SECTION 1 – Personal Details

1. **Full name** (first middle last):

2. **Contact Details**

Home address:	
Home telephone number:	
Email address:	
Mobile number:	

3. **Which ethnic group(s) do you belong to?**

(Tick the box or boxes that apply to you. This question is asked for statistical purposes only)

- White (non-Hispanic)
- Black
- Hispanic or Latino
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Indigenous American/Alaska Native
- Other

(Please elaborate where appropriate:)

4. **Date of Birth:**

(dd/mm/yyyy)

5. **Place of Birth:** (City and country):

If not a US citizen by birth, give date and place of naturalisation:

6. **Marital status:** Single Married or living with a spouse/partner

If married or living with a spouse/partner, please give spouse/partner's details:

Full name:	
Date of birth:	
Nationality:	
Occupation:	

7. **Have you ever been to New Zealand?**

Yes No

If yes, give dates and purposes of visits:

8. **Have you ever been arrested, or convicted by a court of law?**

Yes No

If yes, please state the type of offence(s) and date(s):

Applicants must disclose any prior criminal convictions (excluding traffic violations), whether in the USA or elsewhere. Failure to disclose a criminal conviction, or the providing of inaccurate or misleading information, may result in the revocation of an Axford award. A criminal conviction may affect your eligibility to obtain a New Zealand visa. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact fellowships@fulbright.org.nz

9. **How did you hear about the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy?**

10. **Photograph** – please attach a head & shoulders photograph with your application.

SECTION 2 – Professional Details

11. **Degrees held:**

12. **Professional field/discipline:**

13. **Current Employment**

Current position/title:	
Organisation:	
Address:	
Work phone number:	
Work e-mail address:	

14. **Employment history** – please attach a CV (curriculum vitae) of no more than four pages to your application.

SECTION 3 – Axford Project Proposal

15. Project title:

Project description: - Please attach to your application. Further details below.

Give a concise description (two pages maximum) of the project that you propose. Define the issue(s) on which you would focus.

Clearly state your objectives and methodology. How is your professional experience relevant to your objectives? What is the significance of your project for your field of public policy in both the US and NZ?

The fellowship can be between three to five months in duration. Applicants should discuss a timeline preference with their potential host agency, but the Axford board will decide what length Fellowship they decide to offer selected Fellows.

Candidates should approach their application with a preferred duration in mind and understand, however, that flexibility may be required.

Regardless of length, the Fellowship will begin in February 2026. The actual and final decision on the length of the Fellowship will be determined in discussion with the host agency.

16. Proposed host agency:

NB: Host agencies are government departments, ministries or agencies (not universities or other tertiary institutions).

Have you had direct correspondence with this agency? *	
Name of contact at host agency	
Email address of above contact	
Host agencies preference of Fellowship length (3 – 5 months)	

**Applicants are expected to have discussed their project with their proposed host agency in advance of submitting their application and include evidence of this correspondence. This could be either in the form of an email chain, or a letter from the proposed agency. Please note that logistical specifics of your proposed Fellowship do not need to be confirmed at the point of application.*

17. How would your project benefit the following (max 300 words per section)

a) New Zealand?

b) the United States?

c) you personally?

18. How would you plan to build on your Axford Fellowship experience and disseminate what you have learned (*max 300 words per section*)

a) in the United States?

b) in New Zealand?

19. Outside your project, what would living in New Zealand for three - five months enable you to do? (*max 300 words*)

SECTION 4 – Budget Information

20.

Which, if any, of your family would be accompanying you on Fellowship?

Name	Relationship to you	Number of months in NZ

21. Would you anticipate receiving paid leave from your employer?

- Yes, full paid leave
 Yes, partial paid leave
 No

22. If yes, please provide amount (expressed as a monthly figure in \$US after tax) below and provide clarifying details on partial pay

Please provide: a letter from your employer confirming their support for your application in this Fellowship programme and also confirming whether you will receive full, partial or no paid leave to undertake the fellowship. This information is in addition to and separate from any references as outlined below.

Please note: financial entitlements for the Fellowship are based on information provided with your application and are determined at the time your application is received. Changes to these financial entitlements are not possible unless a change in circumstances is likely to result in a lower entitlement.

SECTION 5 – Medical information, Referees and declarations

23. Have you been treated in the last five years for any illness, either physical or psychological in origin, requiring hospitalisation or more than three visits to a doctor, clinic or hospital?

- Yes No

If yes, explain.

Has any member of your immediate family who would be accompanying you on your Fellowship suffered from any chronic medical condition? Yes No

If 'yes', explain:

Note: Successful candidates will be required to undergo a medical examination as required by Immigration New Zealand for visa purposes.

24. Referees

Give the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of three people who you have asked to write references in support of this application. All should be people with whom you have had substantial contact in recent years. One of them should be a responsible person at the institution or organisation where you are currently employed. If this is not feasible, please explain the reason below.

Each of your referees should follow the Guide for Referees available at www.fulbright.org.nz, and e-mail his/her reference directly to the Programme Manager, Fulbright New Zealand, fellowships@fulbright.org.nz **no later than 10am Tuesday 21 April 2026 (NZT)**.

Name	Address, Telephone Number and Email address	Relationship to referee

25. Conditions of Award and Tenure

Approval of all Fellowship awards is conditional upon you:

- meeting normal New Zealand immigration requirements;
- possessing a valid US passport and obtaining a New Zealand work visa;
- furnishing a satisfactory medical examination;
- confirmation of an appropriate programme and placement in New Zealand;
- having arrangements approved by the New Zealand Fellowships Office.

While on tenure, Fellows may not perform services for an employer from whom they are on paid or unpaid leave of absence.

It is a condition of appointment that Fellows may not seek permanent employment or residence in New Zealand for at least two years following their Fellowships.

I undertake to leave New Zealand at the conclusion of the Fellowship, or of any extension approved by the Fellowships Office.

I have read the Conditions of Award and Tenure printed above and agree to be bound by them if selected for an Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowship.

Signature: _____

By sending your application by e-mail, you are deemed to have "electronically signed" your application in accordance with the Conditions of Award and Tenure printed above. In this case please just enter your full name in the space above.

Date:
