

# WINSTON CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIPS



## Sir Winston Churchill

Sir Winston Churchill believed that people from all walks of life should be able to travel overseas and experience the rich learning from other cultures that helps build understanding and world peace.

On his death in 1965, government and public donations established the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to continue that dream.



## New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

Each year the New Zealand Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Board provides ordinary New Zealanders with an extraordinary opportunity.

The mana of their Fellowships, together with the modest financial contribution, enables recipients to widen their experience, to grow in confidence and motivation to share their new knowledge, perspectives and innovations.

## Fellowships

The Trust enables a small number of Fellows each year to travel overseas and pursue ideas that will have a benefit to them and the wider community.

Typically Fellows travel for three weeks to three months, for intensive investigation, experience or research.

They return with inspiration, networks and knowledge that support and develop their ongoing leadership within their particular field of interest.

Everyone produces a report to support wide public dissemination of their learning, with more of a practical than an academic focus.

Fellows have gone on to make a difference to New Zealand society in many different roles and initiatives, and acknowledge the opportunities that the Fellowship has opened up.



Thanks to a Churchill Fellowship, Shona McCahon was able to travel to Australia to meet with organisations and landowners involved in nature conservation covenants. Shona's work will help to promote covenanting as a conservation tool in New Zealand.

## Investing in leadership development

If you are interested in investing in the leadership development of ordinary New Zealanders, then the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust offers an established, respected and cost-effective vehicle for that purpose.

The Trust is currently seeking to enlarge its capital base and activities to ensure that the vision and opportunities that Fellowships provide can be sustained and expanded for future generations.

If you want to be part of this exciting vision, then we can offer opportunities to:

- meet past Fellows and hear about their learning
- sponsor Fellowships to support particular fields of inquiry
- make gifts or bequests that will enable more Fellowships in the future

## Applications

Applications for Fellowships close on 31 July each year.

All New Zealanders, either citizens or people normally resident in New Zealand, may apply for a fellowship.

Applicants are encouraged to consider travel to our nearer neighbours, e.g. Australia, Asia and Pacific – not only Europe and North America.

The WCMT places great importance on the benefits of the project to New Zealand. Applicants must therefore state clearly what the benefit will be, and how they are qualified to discover and promote that benefit.

For more information on the application process, and to hear what some past Fellows have to say about the life-changing nature of their experience, see our website [www.communitymatters.govt.nz](http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz) (search “WCMT”).

## For more information

Visit: [www.communitymatters.govt.nz](http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz) (search “WCMT”)

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