



Institutional Cooperation between Timor-Leste and Norway



Norwegian Under-graduate Scholarships

The Institutional Cooperation between Ministry of Infrastructure (MIS) in Timor-Leste and the Norwegian Water and Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE) is pleased to announce that up to 6 scholarships to study Bachelor degrees in areas relevant to the Energy and Hydropower sector will be awarded in 2010, for study to commence in 2011.

Subject Areas

Subject areas include (but are not limited to) Hydropower Development, Electric Engineering, Civil Engineering, Machine Engineering, Project Management.

Universities

- Charles Darwin University, Darwin/Australia (www.cdu.edu.au)
- Victoria University, Melbourne/Australia (www.vu.edu.au)
- University of Murdoch, Perth/Australia (www.murdoch.edu.au)
- University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur/Malaysia (www.um.edu.my)
- University Gadjah Madah, Yogyakarta/Indonesia (www.ugm.ac.id)
- Institut Teknologi Bandung, Bandung/Indonesia (www.itb.ac.id)
- Udayana University, Bali/Indonesia (www.unud.ac.id)

Benefits

The Scholarship are offered for the minimum period needed to complete the award, including any English Language training that is approved and necessary foundation studies for one year before starting the degree courses. The scholarship will cover all tuition fees and other compulsory costs, travel expenses including one return airfare per year, and living allowance.

Conditions

The successful candidates will be required to sign a contract with the government of Timor-Leste, which will include among other things, an agreements to return to Timor-Leste on completion of the course and to accept employment with the government if offered.

Criteria

Successful applicants will:

- Have graduated from senior high school with a average final grade of 6.5 (6.0)
- Satisfy the academic requirements for the chosen course
- Have very good English Language Skills
- Satisfy Australian Government or the country you are studying in requirements for international student entry (health, character etc.)
- Be a Timorese Citizen

Application process

Download the application form from our website, www.hydrotimor.com, or pick up an application form from the National Directorate of Water Resource Management, DNGRA Caicoli, or email us at bachelor2010@hydrotimor.com and request a form.

Submit the form with the necessary documents to The Training and Education Coordinator, DNGRA , EDTL Compound, Caicoli before **16th September 2010**. All applications must submitted in hard-copy, we can not accept any emailed applications.

Applicants who satisfy the basic criteria but do not have a current IELTS or TOEFL result will be asked to take an **English Language Test on 11th October**

Further Information, benefits and conditions, Selection process

Benefits:

The Scholarship entitlements are as follows

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| Any academic fees and other fees that are compulsory for all students undertaking the course(s). |
| Payment of a single return , economy class airfare to and from your country of studying per year via the most direct route. |
| An establishment allowance to contribute towards expenses such as warm clothing, rental bonds, text books, study materials etc. |
| A contribution to basic living expenses paid at a rate determined by The Institutional Cooperation between Timor-Leste and Norway. |
| Supplementary Academic support when essential to improving a Student `s performance to ensure their academic success. |
| Other cost related to study abroad, which may be paid after submission to The Institutional Cooperation between Timor-Leste and Norway, and consideration on a case by case basis. |

The Institutional Cooperation between MIS Timor-Leste and NVE Norway scholarships will not provide

- Any financial support for family or other dependents
- Airfares to a destination other than Timor-Leste except where travel is necessary for a student `s study
- Any costs incurred through failure of a student to comply with the laws of the country you are studying in.

Conditions

The Institutional Cooperation between MIS Timor-Leste and NVE Norway scholarship holder must:

1. Not hold another scholarship at the same time as the Institutional Cooperation between MIS Timor-Leste and NVE Norway scholarship;
2. Reside in your country of study for the duration of the scholarship (apart from holidays, reunion visits or fieldwork visits to their home country);
3. Complete their scholarship award within the period stipulated in their Student Contract;
4. Only undertake the approved program for which the scholarship is offered and abide by the rules of the Institution;
5. Study full time and achieve satisfactory academic progress in the program for which the scholarship was offered;
6. Participate in all activities associated with the approved course of study, including all lectures and tutorials, submit all work required for the course (e.g. assignments or essays) and sit for examinations;

7. Not undertake any employment during term times without prior approval from MIS/NVE as it may compromise academic progress. (Approval may be given for up to 10 hours per week provided academic progress is satisfactory), and subject to Student visa requirements;
8. Liaise with the Student Contract Officer at the Institution regarding any proposed changes to the approved program and acknowledge that approval is required from the Institution
9. Agree to the Ministry of Infrastructure, Timor-Leste and NVE, Norway collecting information concerning the Student or dependants and passing that information on to other relevant parties, if necessary;
10. Return to Timor-Leste for at least two years (or one year for each year of scholarship whichever is the longer) at the completion of their study/research, and take up employment with the Timor-Leste government for a period of at least two years (or one year for each year of scholarship whichever is the longer) IF offered. (This is not a commitment from the Timor-Leste government to offer employment);
11. Be aware that a debt to the Government of Timor-Leste will be incurred if a Students fails to return to Timor-Leste, or does not take up any offer employment with the Timor-Leste government and that the government will take legal action if necessary to claim debt;
12. Agree that the scholarship may be terminated at any time for failure to make satisfactory academic progress, failure to comply with the laws in the country of studying, misconduct, breaches of the contract between the Student and the Government of Timor-Leste, including breaches of the conditions of the scholarship, or breaches of the Student Visa or if they apply to change their visa status

Selection and Award Process

Candidates must submit their application forms by 5:00pm 16th September 2010. No application forms will be accepted after this date. Incomplete or incorrect application forms will not be assessed, however, time permitting, candidates will be advised if their application is incorrect or incomplete and given the opportunity to resubmit.

Essential Criteria:

To be shortlisted applicants must:

- Have graduated from senior high school with a average final grade of 6.5 (6.0)
- Satisfy the academic requirements for the chosen course
- Have very good English Language Skills
- Satisfy the requirements for international student entry (health, character etc.) in the country you are studying
- Be a Timorese Citizen

All applications that satisfy all the essential criteria will be shortlisted.

Candidates that do not have a current IELTS or TOEFL and did not attend an English Language University, but satisfy the other criteria will be invited to attend an English Language exam on 11th October. From this exam, those students who demonstrate adequate English Language Level will also be shortlisted.

All shortlisted candidates will be invited to attend an interview during the period 1st November to 15th November 2010. The interview panel will include a senior officer from NDHR and Project staff from the Institutional cooperation between Timor-Leste and Norway.

Following the interview, the selection panel will make a final assessment of the applications. Applicants will be selected based on merit and the needs of the sector. Factors will include Academic Background, relevant work experience, English Communication skills, relevance of the courses applied for and demonstrated suitability for further study.

The panel will recommend successful and reserve candidates to the HCWG and The Institutional Cooperation Program Manager (in Timor-Leste and Norway) for final approval.

On approval, the successful candidates will be offered a conditional scholarship, and the reserve candidates will be advised of their status. The panel will also contact the unsuccessful candidates. Successful candidates have to accept or reject the scholarship by **1st December 2010**. If any successful candidate does not accept the offer, then their scholarship will be offered to the first reserve candidate.

Unsuccessful candidates will be informed by email or telephone within a reasonable time.

Successful candidates will submit their applications to the universities. On acceptance into a relevant course in one of the nominated universities, the scholarship will be officially awarded, and the names of the awardees will be published in the press. Awardees will be asked to sign a contract with the government which accepts the benefits and conditions as outlined above.

Important Dates

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| 16th August, 2010 | Applications open |
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| 11th October 2010 | English Test for shortlisted applicants who don't have TOEFL or IELTS |
| 1st November – 15th November 2010 | Interviews: |

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