



# Firefighters' SCHOLARSHIP



## FIREFIGHTERS SCHOLARSHIP 2014/2015

*The Firefighters' Scholarship is established for firefighters and comcen staff and provides the opportunity to study domestically and overseas, research world's best practice or undertake a project that will benefit the Fire Service.*

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### Action

Apply for the 2014/2015 Firefighters' Scholarship

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### Summary

Do you have a great idea for improving some aspect of the New Zealand Fire Service that aligns with current organisational strategy and Vision 2020? If so, check out the Firefighters' Scholarship.

The Firefighters' Scholarship provides an opportunity to research or study a topic or undertake a project relevant to any area of the Fire Service's strategic plan. Eligible applicants include career firefighters and officers (up to / including Senior Station Officers) and Comcen Communicators, Senior Communicators and Shift Managers who have a minimum of five years' service.

The Firefighters Scholarship offers a unique professional and personal development opportunity to staff that will also be of significant benefit to the Fire Service and assist the Commission in achieving the Vision 2020: 'Leading integrated fire and emergency services for a safer New Zealand – Te Manatū o ngā ratonga ohotata kia haumarua ake ai a Aotearoa.'

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### Strategic Areas of Priority and Suggested Topics

Applicants may be interested in considering the strategic areas of priority and topics listed below:

1. Improving service delivery in a collaborative government and emergency services environment, including but not limited to:
  - sharing facilities and resources
  - medical co-response
  - risk reduction services
  - incident management capability and training
  - data and information sharing
  - resilience for major emergencies
  - use of automated fire alarm data
  - successful interagency partnerships
2. Using social media effectively, including but not limited to:
  - communications
  - fire safety education
  - retention of volunteers
3. Ensuring operational functions of the Fire Service are effectively integrated to improve community fire outcomes, including but not limited to:
  - improving information on building risks
  - better understanding community risks and needs
  - enhanced community relationships and partnership to manage the risk
  - improved national fire risk management tools

- integrated fire risk management planning
- support for volunteer brigades and volunteer sustainability
- deployment of fire risk reduction programmes in volunteer fire brigades
- use of automated fire alarm data

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**Application Process**

Applications are now being sought; the submission deadline is **31 July 2014**.

Anyone interested in applying for the Firefighters Scholarship is invited to complete the application form (with support from the associated Helpsheet) and email to [Beth Piggott](mailto:Beth.Piggott@fire.org.nz).

The application form and supporting documentation can be found in NZFS FireNet, under National Notice 039/2014.

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**Need help?**

Contact Beth Piggott at the NZFS National Headquarters ([beth.piggott@fire.org.nz](mailto:beth.piggott@fire.org.nz) or Ph 04 496 3610).

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