

APPENDIX ONE

Determination of funding mechanism under Section 159L of the Education Act 1989

European Union-New Zealand Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI) Joint Mobility Project

Funding Mechanism- Policy Parameters

Overview

1. In 2003, the Minister of Education and European Commission officials agreed to a pilot programme of joint study by a consortium of European Union and New Zealand tertiary education organisations. The funding for this successful ICI joint mobility pilot project is to cease this year (2008). In February 2008, Cabinet agreed to continue to jointly fund academic mobility projects between Europe and New Zealand.

This funding determination is needed to allow the TEC to allocate and administer this fund outside of the Tertiary Education Organisation Component of the funding system. This appendix applies for the duration of the fund, and will take effect from the date the attached letter is signed.

Purpose

2. The purpose is to contribute to the joint funding of an academic mobility project between the European Union and New Zealand.

Eligibility

3. All New Zealand tertiary education organisations are eligible to be a "partner institution". In the terms of the Industrialised Countries Instrument Education Cooperation Programme (ICI ECP) Guidelines 2008 a "partner institution" in New Zealand is a tertiary education organisation.

Funding is available for one four-year joint mobility project. An ICI joint mobility project consortium must bring together at least two tertiary education organisations from New Zealand and at least three higher education institutions from three different European Member States.

Process

4. Expressions of interest for the ICI joint mobility project will be invited from New Zealand and European tertiary education organisations.

5. The TEC will assess proposals from New Zealand tertiary education organisations. In doing so the TEC will apply the assessment criteria as set out in the ICI ECP Guidelines 2008:

5.1. The significance of the proposed project (representing 30% of the total score) will be determined by:

- the utility of the products (such as information, materials, processes, or techniques) that will result from the proposed project, including the potential for their being used in a variety of other settings; and
- the importance or magnitude of the results or outcomes likely to be attained by the proposed project, especially improvements in teaching and student achievement.

5.2. The quality of the proposed project design (representing 70% of the total score) will be determined by:

- the extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable; and
- the extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population or other identified needs.

Funding available

6. The total funding available for the ICI joint mobility project is defined by the Budget process.
7. The funding will be disbursed in tranches to the New Zealand partner institutions beginning in the 2008/09 financial year.
8. Funding is available for one four-year joint mobility project involving two or more New Zealand partner institutions. Partner institutions may apply for three types of funding:
 - 8.1. administrative support;
 - 8.2. mobility grants to New Zealand students; and
 - 8.3. mobility grants to New Zealand faculty and staff.

Funding mechanism

9. Different versions of this funding mechanism apply:

9.1. Where a tertiary education organisation has an approved Investment Plan, the mechanism relates to funding to be paid by the Commission under s159YA (relating to funding organisations via plans);

9.2. Where a tertiary education organisation does not have an approved Investment Plan, the mechanism relates to funding to be paid by the Commission under s159ZC (relating to funding organisations other than via plans).

TEC reporting requirements

10. The TEC will report on the projects in accordance with the Output Agreement between myself (as the responsible Minister) and the Tertiary Education Commission. Any reports are to be included in quarterly reports against the output agreement.

Key decisions

11. CBC Min (08) 5/9 *Funding Transfer to Support International Education Projects in Europe, 2008*

Key papers

12. CBC (08) 63 *Funding Transfer to Support International Education Projects in Europe, 2008*