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THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP REGULATIONS 1953

C. W. M. NORRIE, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington, this 23rd day of June 1953

Present:

THE HON. K. J. HOLYOAKE PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Scientific and Industrial Research Act 1952, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the National Research Fellowship Regulations 1953.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1953.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Council” means the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research:

“Fellowship” means a National Research Fellowship awarded under these regulations:

“Minister” means the Minister in Charge of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research:

“New Zealand student” means a British subject who is a graduate in science of the University of New Zealand:

“Permanent Secretary” means the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research:

“United Kingdom student” means a British subject who is a graduate in science of any United Kingdom University:

“University of New Zealand” means the University of New Zealand as reconstituted under the New Zealand University Amendment Act 1926; and the terms “constituent college” and “Professor of the University” shall have the meanings assigned to them by section 2 of that Act.

3. The Minister may, on application made to him in that behalf and after considering the advice of the Council, award to persons approved for this purpose by the Council, being United Kingdom students or New Zealand students, fellowships for the purpose of enabling them to carry out independent research in any branch of science.

4. Such awards of fellowships shall not exceed four in the year 1954 and in each year thereafter, of which—

- (a) Not more than one in any one year may be awarded to a United Kingdom student for research in New Zealand:
- (b) Not more than four in any one year (less any award under paragraph (a) of this regulation) may be awarded to New Zealand students.

5. (1) Application to the Minister for the award of a fellowship shall be in writing delivered to the Permanent Secretary at Wellington not later than the 31st day of October in any year:

Provided that the Minister, in his discretion, may consider and make an award on any application received after that date as if it had been received not later than that date.

(2) Every applicant for a fellowship shall, in his application, specify with reasonable particularity the nature of the research proposed to be undertaken in the event of a fellowship being awarded to him.

(3) Every applicant shall support his application either by testimonials from at least two persons testifying in respect of the applicant's qualifications and ability, or by nomination of at least two persons as confidential referees to testify on his behalf, or by at least one such testimonial and one such nomination.

6. (1) Every fellowship shall be of the value of £600 a year.

(2) That amount shall be paid to the holder by equal quarterly instalments in arrears:

Provided that in any case of special necessity, the Permanent Secretary, in his discretion, may approve payment in advance of any instalment or instalments other than the final instalment.

(3) In addition to that amount, the Permanent Secretary, in his discretion, may pay to the holder of a fellowship or on his behalf—

- (a) A sum not exceeding £25 in the aggregate for the purchase of any books or apparatus specially required for the purpose of carrying out his research and towards the cost of his transport while engaged thereon:
- (b) A sum not exceeding £25 in the aggregate for any fees payable to any constituent college or other institution approved by the Council:
- (c) If the holder of a fellowship is married, an allowance at the rate of £100 a year:
- (d) If the fellowship is awarded to a New Zealand student for research out of New Zealand in a country other than Australia, or to a United Kingdom student for research in New Zealand, a sum not exceeding £150 in the aggregate for travelling expenses from and to New Zealand:
- (e) If the fellowship is awarded to a New Zealand student for research in Australia, a sum not exceeding £50 in the aggregate for travelling expenses to and from Australia.

(4) All the amounts specified in this regulation are expressed in New Zealand currency.

7. (1) Every fellowship shall be tenable for one year, but may be terminated by the Minister at any time in his discretion and without the Minister assigning any reason for the termination if the Minister and the Council cease to be satisfied that the holder is complying with the conditions on which the fellowship is held.

(2) Without affecting the number of new fellowships that may be awarded in any year, the Minister may, after considering the advice of the Council, extend the term of any fellowship for not more than one extra year.

8. The research for which a fellowship has been awarded shall be carried out at some institution or other place approved for the purpose by the Minister either in New Zealand or overseas and in accordance with such conditions as the Minister may from time to time impose.

9. Except with the consent of the Permanent Secretary, the holder of a fellowship shall not, during the term of the fellowship, engage in any work or occupation other than the research for which the fellowship was awarded or accept any other bursary, scholarship, or other award.

10. The holder of a fellowship shall furnish the Permanent Secretary with quarterly reports as to the progress of his research. Each such report shall be accompanied by a certificate from a Professor of the University or other person approved for the purpose by the Permanent Secretary to the effect that the holder of the fellowship has worked to his satisfaction and in conformity with the conditions of the fellowship.

11. The holder of a fellowship shall not claim and shall not be paid the final instalment of the sum payable to him hereunder unless and until he has furnished the Permanent Secretary with a detailed report covering his complete research, confirmed by certificates in writing from the Professors of the University or other qualified persons under whose supervision the research had been done.

12. The Permanent Secretary may publish any such report or any part thereof.

13. If the holder of a fellowship, whether during the tenure of his fellowship or later, publishes a report or thesis arising out of the research made during the tenure of his fellowship, he shall therein acknowledge the assistance received from his fellowship.

14. At the expiry of the tenure of a fellowship (including any extension thereof) awarded to a New Zealand student, the holder shall, in consideration of the award of a fellowship and the payment of moneys thereunder—

- (a) Resume employment with the employer by whom he was employed at the time of the award and remain in that employment for a period of not less than two years; or
- (b) Where he is unable to obtain employment with his former employer in a capacity and at a remuneration considered by the Council to be commensurate with his qualifications and experience, accept such employment in New Zealand or overseas, as may be approved by the Permanent Secretary.

15. For the purpose of securing fulfilment by the holder of a fellowship awarded to a New Zealand student of the obligations imposed by regulation 14 hereof, the Minister may require the holder, as a condition of the award of the fellowship, to enter into a bond in such form and for such amount, not exceeding the total amounts payable to or on behalf of the holder under regulation 6 hereof during the term of the fellowship and any extension thereof, as the Minister thinks fit.

16. Except with the consent of the Permanent Secretary, the holder of a fellowship shall not patent any discoveries, inventions, or improvements in processes, apparatus, and machines resulting from his studies under the fellowship.

17. (1) The following regulations are hereby revoked, namely:—

- (a) The National Research Fellowship Regulations 1950*:
- (b) The National Research Fellowship Regulations 1950, Amendment No. 1†.

(2) Every fellowship awarded under the National Research Fellowship Regulations 1950* the term of which or of any extension of which has not expired at the commencement of these regulations shall enure for the purpose of these regulations as if it had been awarded or extended (as the case may be) under these regulations:

Provided that any amounts paid to the holder under regulation 8 (3) of the first-mentioned regulations before the commencement of these regulations shall be deemed to have been paid to him on account of any corresponding allowance to which he may be entitled after that date under regulation 6 (3) of these regulations.

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

* Statutory Regulations 1950, Serial number 1950/1, page 1.
† Statutory Regulations 1951, Serial number 1951/63, page 248.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

[This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.]

These regulations replace the National Research Fellowship Regulations 1950. They substantially re-enact those regulations, with the following modifications:—

- (a) The maximum number of fellowships that may be granted in any one year is increased from two to four (regulation 4):
- (b) One fellowship a year may be granted to a graduate of a United Kingdom University for research in New Zealand (regulation 4 (a)).
- (c) The annual amount of the fellowship is increased from £500 to £600 (regulation 6 (1)):
- (d) Where the holder of a fellowship is married he may be paid an allowance of £100 a year (regulation 6 (3) (c)):
- (e) Travelling allowances are increased from a maximum of £100 to £150 (regulation 6 (3) (d)):
- (f) The holder of a fellowship is required at the termination of the fellowship to return to his former employer and remain in that employment for at least two years, unless he is unable to obtain employment with his former employer in a capacity and at a remuneration considered by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to be commensurate with his qualifications and experience. In such a case he must accept such employment in New Zealand or overseas as may be approved by the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (regulation 14):
- (g) Except with the consent of the Permanent Secretary, the holder of a fellowship may not patent any discoveries, &c., resulting from his studies under the fellowship (regulation 16).

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