



THE SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP REGULATIONS 1960

COBHAM, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 31st day of August 1960

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL 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 Senior Research Fellowship Regulations 1960.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

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

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

“Permanent Secretary” means the Permanent Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research; and includes any person he authorises in writing to act on his behalf.

3. The fellowships provided for by these regulations are designed to bring from overseas highly qualified scientists to work, for periods ranging from six months to two years, in research institutions in New Zealand administered by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. The research they undertake will be of a nature approved by the Council.

4. Applicants should have a good working knowledge of English and should hold the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from a University recognised by the Council, or other academic qualifications deemed by the Council to be the equivalent of or higher than the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The Council will, however, consider applications from persons not holding the degree of Doctor of Philosophy if, in the Council's opinion, the applicant has a distinguished record of scientific research.

5. 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, fellowships for the purpose of enabling them to carry out independent research in New Zealand in any branch of science.

6. Such awards of fellowships shall not, except with the approval of the Governor-General in Council, exceed two in each year.

7. (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 1st day of February 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 by nomination of at least two persons whom he has requested to forward directly to the Permanent Secretary confidential testimonials on his behalf.

(4) Every applicant shall send with his application a recent photograph of himself.

8. (1) There shall be paid to the holder of a fellowship an emolument in each year equal to the minimum salary which would be paid during that year to a professional division officer of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research designated Senior Scientific Officer:

Provided that, in special circumstances and on the recommendation of the Council, the Minister may approve of the emolument corresponding with a point higher on the salary scale for professional officers, but not so as to exceed the maximum amount payable to an officer designated Principal Scientific Officer:

Provided also that the emolument shall be adjusted in the following circumstances:

- (a) If the salary scale for officers of the professional division of the Public Service is adjusted by Order in Council or by order of the Government Service Tribunal, the adjustment to the value of the fellowship shall apply from the date of the salary adjustment stated in that order:
- (b) If the salary scale for professional officers of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research designated Senior Scientific Officer or Principal Scientific Officer is adjusted on the decision of the Public Service Commission, the adjustment for a holder of a fellowship shall apply from the date on which the decision of the Public Service Commission is effective.

(2) The emolument shall be paid to the holder by monthly instalments in arrears:

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

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

- (a) If the holder of a fellowship is married, an allowance at the rate of £250 a year:
- (b) A grant equivalent to the cost of rail travel and sea travel at tourist class rates from his home or such other place as the Permanent Secretary may approve to the institution in New Zealand where he will be undertaking his research and his return from that institution to his home or other place approved by the Permanent Secretary:
- (c) If the holder of a fellowship is married and his wife accompanies him to New Zealand, a further grant equal to two-thirds the amount paid under paragraph (b) of this subsection:
- (d) Reasonable travelling expenses incurred while engaged on the research he is undertaking, which travelling expenses may include travelling allowances at the same rates and under the same conditions as the Public Service Commission has approved for officers of the Public Service whose salaries are equal to the emolument payable under this regulation.

9. (1) Every fellowship shall be tenable for not less than six months nor more than one year in the first instance, 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 which may be awarded in any year, the Minister may, after considering the advice of the Council, extend the period of any fellowship, but the full term of the fellowship, including extensions, shall not exceed two years:

Provided that, before consideration is given to extending the period of a fellowship, the holder shall furnish a written progress report on his research.

(3) The tenure of a fellowship shall commence on the date on which the holder embarks from his home country or such other place as the Permanent Secretary may approve, and shall finish on the date on which he leaves the institution where he will be conducting his research or on such other date as may be approved by the Permanent Secretary.

10. The research for which the fellowship has been awarded shall be carried out within New Zealand and based on an institution administered by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

11. The Permanent Secretary may, in his discretion, approve of the holder of a fellowship having the use of Government research facilities and transport.

12. 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 award.

13. The holder of a fellowship shall, before he leaves New Zealand, furnish the Permanent Secretary with a written report covering his research undertaken during the tenure of his fellowship and at some

later stage will be expected to publish the results of his research. When publishing such results he shall therein acknowledge the assistance received from his fellowship.

14. Any discoveries, inventions, or improvements in processes, apparatus, and machines resulting from studies under a fellowship shall be the property of the Crown.

15. The Permanent Secretary may from time to time prescribe conditions governing the administration of fellowships, being conditions that are consistent with these regulations and have no financial implications.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations provide for the award of senior research fellowships. They are designed to bring from overseas highly qualified scientists to work, for periods ranging from six months to two years, in research institutions in New Zealand administered by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.