

Manaaki New Zealand Short Term Training Scholarships Trade Policy - online Latin America and Caribbean 2026

Overview

The New Zealand Government's Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme is pleased to offer a Trade Policy course for Latin American and Caribbean scholars, supported by the New Zealand International Development Cooperation Programme.

This is an intensive short course designed for participants from eligible countries in the Latin America and Caribbean regions who are currently in middle and senior management positions working in relevant sectors.

The online course is run part time over a five-week period and will be run by the University of Auckland's Public Policy Institute. The expectation would be that scholars are available to complete the entire learning programme over the five weeks online.

This is a fully funded scholarship covering course fees, and other programme related expenses.

While the course does not constitute a formal tertiary qualification it will provide scholars with unique insights into New Zealand approaches and best practice in each sectoral study area.

On completion each scholar will be awarded a completion certificate from the Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship Programme.

When?

The Trade Policy course timeline is as follows:

Applications Open	Monday 27 October 2025
Applications Close	Sunday 30 November 2025
Course Start Date	Wednesday 25 February 2026
Course Finish Date	Thursday 26 March 2026

This course will be delivered online on a part-time basis.

An Orientation will be held by the Wellington Uni-Professional Scholarships Team on the Thursday prior to course start date to provide applicants with further detail on their scholarship and allowances.

The University of Auckland will hold their Orientation with scholars on the first day of the course.

Who should attend?

This course is suitable for officials with at least 5 years' work experience in the Trade Policy sector. Participants should have basic level computer literacy and numeracy.

To be eligible for a Manaaki New Zealand Scholarship, all the following statements must be true:

- From the date my application is submitted, I will have lived in my country of citizenship for the last two years or more.
 - Exception for diplomatic corps and their family: A member of the diplomatic corps or a dependant of a member of the diplomatic corps, living outside their own country, can apply for a Scholarship.
- I am not a citizen or permanent resident of any of the following countries: New Zealand, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, any European Union country, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Kuwait, Norway, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America.
- I will be at least 18 years old at the time I start the scholarship.
- I am not currently serving in the military.
- Within the last five years, I have not had a New Zealand Scholarship terminated.

Applicants must also acknowledge and agree that:

- They have received endorsement from their employer to attend this training programme.
- They expect to meet the academic entry requirements (including English language requirements) for their planned training programme.

Course Schedule

Venue	University of Auckland's Public Policy Institute
Duration	Five-weeks, online programme
Class Times	Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00-12 noon NZT
Sessions include	Thematic presentations and discussions, site visits, workshops, case-studies, guest speakers, project work, reflections on previous day, questions and application.

Trade Policy	
Module 1	Mihi Whakatau and Global Challenges for Trade
Module 2	Disruptions to Trade Policy Foundations and Rules
Module 3	Trade Rules, Tariffs, Supply Chains, Services Trade
Module 4	Regional Trade Agreements and Multi-lateral trade
Module 5	Services Trade; Digital Trade
Module 6	Trade Facilitation and Stakeholder Engagement
Module 7	Trade and Labour; Indigenous Economies and Indigenous Trade
Module 8	Gender Inclusive Trade

Module 9	Health and Trade: Food and Sustainability
Module 10	Future Trends in Trade and Trade Policy; Completion Ceremony

Key Learning Outcomes

- Understand the connections between international economic, health, and environmental policies; and develop capabilities to critically assess policy coherence (or identify incoherence).
- Enhance your capability to critically analysis and combine data and evidence from different sources to understand an issue better.
- Identify and evaluate the challenges and opportunities caused by complex global politics and economics, and how they affect trade relationships.
- Recognize the key stakeholders - both within and outside the economic sector – affected by trade policy and understand their interests and priorities.
- Improve your understanding of how to balance both public health and environmental objectives when developing or analysing proposed/negotiated trade agreements.
- Enhance your capability to undertake negotiations and use trade data effectively.

Delivery & Programme Management

Professor Jennifer Curtin, Director of the Public Policy Institute, oversees all aspects of the programme, is part of the introductory and completion sessions, and contributes to modules on inclusive trade. She is supported by policy professionals and scholars from across the University of Auckland who have expertise in international law and trade policy, trade negotiations and regional agreements, supply chains, tariffs and developing issues including Indigenous and sustainable trade.

Dr Gay Francisco is the Course Coordinator, and is supported in this role by Dr Suzanne Woodward. Together they manage the pre-course induction process, access to our learning management system, coordinate pastoral care throughout each course, maintain connections with scholars and share the management of each live online session.

The Public Policy Institute appoints scholar success advisors who have knowledge of the regions from which the scholars are drawn. This is done on a course-by-course basis, to provide both intellectual and culturally sensitive care and support. The Scholar Success Adviser for this course will be Juanita Rojas Palacio who will run two drop-in sessions online each week and will contribute to break-out room activities during each session. Each course also has an Academic Lead. The lead contributes content and select other relevant expert academics and practitioners as contributors.

Application

Applicants can apply via an online application form accessed through the [Manaaki TSTTS website](#).

Enquiries

All enquiries should be directed to the Wellington Uni-Professional Scholarships team in the first instance.

Please direct queries to: manaaki-tstts@wup.nz and include the course name and your country in the subject line.