



Fellowship opportunity to gain comparative experience in public policy in New Zealand

Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy are for outstanding mid-career American professionals to research and gain firsthand experience of public policy in New Zealand. Fellowships valued at up to NZ\$58,500 are granted each year, towards seven months of research and practical experience in an area relevant to both countries.

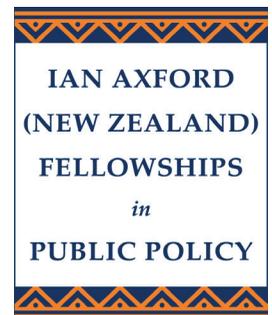
Fellows gain firsthand knowledge of public policy in New Zealand, including economic, social and political reforms and management of the government sector and bring back invaluable insights of another system to their work in the United States.

The programme has three goals:

- to reinforce New Zealand-United States links by enabling Americans of high intellectual ability and leadership potential to come to New Zealand to gain experience and build contacts in public policy development;
- to help improve the practice of public policy in New Zealand and the United States by the cross-fertilization of ideas and experience in the two countries; and
- to build a network of public policy experts on both sides of the Pacific, and encourage ongoing policy exchange between New Zealand and the United States.

Established in 1995, the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships in Public Policy were named in honour of Sir Ian Axford, an eminent New Zealand astrophysicist and space scientist who served as patron of the fellowship programme until his death in March 2010.

Applications close 1 April annually.





“My mentors and other supporters have been very enthusiastic about the implications my research can have,” - 2015 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow **Jill Ozarski** (Denver, Colorado) researched opportunities for partnerships between natural resource agencies and the private sector at New Zealand’s Department of Conservation. Jill was Senior Natural Resources Advisor to U.S. Senator Mark Udall in Colorado.

“I have definitely expanded my network in the field of public policy development. I have no doubt that I have met people in New Zealand that will remain life-long professional contacts and friends,” - 2012 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow **Christian Stearns** (Greensboro, North Carolina), researched the use of sustainability as a framework for social housing in New Zealand. He is former Director of the Greensboro Field Office of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.



“I was an Axford Fellow many years ago, in 2002, but the professional connections, knowledge sharing and personal ties developed during my fellowship have extended and deepened over the past decade and a half,” 2002 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow **Maureen McLaughlin**, Senior Adviser to the Secretary and Director of International Affairs, US Department of Education.

Carlton Eley, Office of Environmental Justice, Environmental Protection Agency, was a 2003 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow. He was the youngest American to participate in this programme, and the first American to conduct research on the topic of smart growth in New Zealand. His research was cited in a 2008 report for the APEC Secretariat.



2006 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow **Susan Coppedge** researched New Zealand’s human trafficking laws at the Ministry of Justice. She was confirmed by the Senate and appointed by President Obama in 2015 to Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, US State Department.

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