

**From:** Bastiaan (Bas) Klerk <bastiaan.e.klerk@uit.no>

**Sent:** mandag 16. januar 2023 13:13

**To:** Lise Myrvang <lise.myrvang@uit.no>

**Subject:** Application for funding to travel abroad | Wellington University, New Zealand 09/2023 - 03/2024

Dear Lise,

I hereby want to apply for funding for my research stay at Wellington University, New Zealand. The exact dates of my proposed stay are not yet confirmed; however it will be approximately from September 2023 until March 2024.

#### **PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH VISIT**

During my research stay, I want to work with Professor Joanna Mossop. Joanna is a very well-established figure in our branch, and a partner of NCLOS. Her research interests and expertise largely coincide with mine, as she has published on dynamic marine protected areas (which is my PhD topic), the BBNJ negotiations, and many other topics that are relevant to my research. Along with my main supervisor, Richard Barnes, she is involved in a project on '*Reimagining ocean law to achieve equitable and sustainable use of marine ecosystems*'. The main purpose of this visit is to work with Joanna, who, as said, has very specialized knowledge about my topic, even more so than my current team of supervisors. For this reason, I think this visit could be very beneficial for my research. Going to New Zealand would be a good opportunity for me to draw from her knowledge, expand my horizon and, most importantly, get a lot of writing done before my mid-term in March 2024.

In addition, I may want to use this visit to find answers to my first research question, i.e.: *Are existing ABMTs an effective means to protect marine biodiversity, and to what extent can any deficit in effectivity be attributed to the static nature of their design?* This question has empirical connotation, and in order to answer it I may need to do some field work, such as conducting interviews. New Zealand has many MPAs in place, and given that the legal frameworks surrounding them are all in English (and thus more accessible for me compared to, say, Norwegian legislation) this would be a good opportunity to do some empirical work. Of course, I would have to delve into the technicalities of doing empirical research and carefully consider whether or not I should include this in my research.

Additionally, please find attached the other required documents:

- Letter of recommendation by Ingvild, written on behalf of all my supervisors;
- An invitation from the institution;
- Budget with plan for financing.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Best,

**Bastiaan Ewoud Klerk**

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<b>LIVING/WORKING EXPENSES, MONTHLY</b>	<b>NZD</b>	<b>NOK</b>
Rent, single bedroom apartment	2.200-2650 (500-600 p/w)	14.000-17.000
Transportation, bus and train	530 (150 bus, 115 train)	3.300
Charge for visiting scholars*	200	1.250
Electricity, water, internet	300-400	2.000-2.500
Exercise (gym membership)	200 (100 p/p)	1.250
Subsistence allowance	-	5.700
Empirical research costs**	200	1.250
Communication costs (SIM-card)	120 (60 per person)	800
<b>TOTAL, MONTHLY</b>	-	<b>32.550</b>
<b>TOTAL, 6 MONTHS</b>	-	<b>195.300</b>

<b>TRAVELING COSTS</b>		
Plane ticket, one way TOS-WLG		30.000 (15.000 p/p)
Plane ticket, one way WLG-TOS		30.000 (15.000 p/p)
Travel insurance		3.000 (1.500 p/p)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>63.000</b>

\*Victoria University currently does not charge visiting scholars; however, this will be reviewed in 2023. The provided amount is an estimation, based on fees charged by other institutions.

\*\*Please note, as I wrote in my application, that at this point I am not certain whether I will indeed conduct field work. If so, these costs are an estimation, to cover additional costs such as traveling and technical equipment.

## COMMENTS

### *Costs are an estimate*

Please note that these costs are an estimation, based on the sources listed below as well as on my personal needs, and the real costs may differ. Especially taking into account these uncertain times with heavily fluctuating inflation, energy prices, etc. Moreover, I *may* use this time abroad to do empirical work (see attached letter), and may need additional funding for this. I have not yet made this decision and cannot provide an estimate of the potential costs at this time.

## SOURCES

[Tickets and fares » Metlink](#)

[Cost of Living in Wellington \(wisemove.co.nz\)](#)

[Wellington Apartments & Houses To Rent | Trade Me Property](#)

[Cost of living In New Zealand \(kiwieducation.com\)](#)

## **Bastiaan (Bas) Klerk**

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**From:** Ingvild Ulrikke Jakobsen  
**Sent:** torsdag 12. januar 2023 09:56  
**To:** Bastiaan (Bas) Klerk  
**Cc:** Richard Barnes; christina.voigt@jus.uio.no  
**Subject:** Sorry Christina:-)

### **Anbefaling til FU om utenlandsopphold for Baastian E. Klerk**

Baastian E. Klerk planlegger et utenlandsopphold ved Victoria University i Wellington i New Zealand i 6 måneder fra september 2023 til mars 2024.

Pågående forskningsprosjekter ledet av Professor Joanna Mossop ved Victoria University, er svært relevant for PhD avhandlingen til Baastian. Joanna Mossop har også selv publisert innenfor tematikken til PhD prosjektet til Baastian, og et samarbeid med henne og hennes forskergruppe vil være svært nyttig for Baastian på dette stadiet av hans PhD. New Zealand er også et foregangsland når det kommer til vern av marint biologisk mangfold, og et opphold her kan gi inspirasjon og viktige nye perspektiver til avhandlingsarbeidet.

Joanna Mossop er en nær samarbeidspartner med havrettssenteret og jeg er derfor sikker på at hun og hennes kollegaer vil ivareta Baastian på en god måte i denne periode, både faglig og sosialt.

Alle de tre veilederne til Baastian, Richard Barnes, Christina Voigt og undertegnede støtter dette utenlandsoppholdet.

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**From:** Rozina Khan <rozina.khan@vuw.ac.nz> on behalf of Law School Visitors  
<LawSchool-Visitors@vuw.ac.nz>  
**Sent:** søndag 18. desember 2022 23:49  
**To:** Bastiaan (Bas) Klerk  
**Subject:** RE: Visitors Programme Application

Dear Bastiaan,

Thank you once again for your application to visit the Faculty of Law at Victoria University of Wellington from 1 Sept 2023 – 1 March 2024. The Visitors and Events Committee has met and considered your application for the visitors' programme, and I am pleased to confirm that you have been successful.

Please note that currently the Faculty does not charge PhD Visiting Scholars for their visits. However it has been noted that this is something that will be reviewed in 2023 by the Committee. If any changes are made on our end, we will ensure to check in with you and make sure that any new requirements are feasible.

I would be most grateful if you could please confirm your dates as soon as practical so that we can prepare a visiting scholar contract for you to review, sign and return in the new year. I note that in your application you had indicated dates as: 1 Sept 2023 – 1 March 2023, I assume you meant 2024?

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are very much looking forward to your visit. Please note the Joanna Mossop will be your academic Faculty contact during your time here.

Best regards,  
Rozina

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**From:** Bastiaan Ewoud Klerk <bastiaan.e.klerk@uit.no>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 November 2022 4:41 am  
**To:** Law School Visitors <LawSchool-Visitors@vuw.ac.nz>  
**Subject:** Visitors Programme Application

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Dear Sir, Madam,

Please find attached my research visit application. The dates of my stay are indicative, as I am very flexible in this regard. I would like to work on topics related to the Marsden project, in which my PhD supervisor prof. Richard Barnes is one of the PIs, with Joanna Mossop.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Best regards,

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