



AGMARDT VISITING FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Introduction:

In future, New Zealand's competitive advantage will depend on its ability to identify challenges and global opportunities, and translate these into technological and capability initiatives faster and more successfully than its competitors.

The AGMARDT Visiting Fellowship Programme aims to encourage visits to New Zealand by people who have recognised global expertise in selected areas of relevance to New Zealand's agricultural, horticultural and forestry sectors. The objective of the programme is to transmit knowledge and learning capability directly and through the Host Organisation to the appropriate New Zealand audience.

The AGMARDT Visiting Fellowship may be based on a number of short visits over a compressed period of time and focussed on a specific theme and purpose. The theme and purpose for visits will be consistent with those AGMARDT strategic objectives that the Visiting Fellowship is designed to support.

2. The Programme

At any one time, the Visiting Fellowship Programme will support two or more AGMARDT Visiting Fellows. They will become involved in activity in part of the New Zealand agribusiness chain. This activity will be related to an aspect of research, communication or commercialisation of research, business development, policy or marketing.

It is expected that the activity engaged in by the Visiting Fellow will advance one or more of the following strategic objectives of AGMARDT:

1. Being a catalyst for the translation of international consumer, market, environmental and trade policy trends into potential opportunities,
2. Creating a greater understanding of world class marketing, global supply chains, new products, new technologies, and business models within the agribusiness community,
3. Fostering greater efficiency and sustainability in production, processing and distribution where recognised gaps exist,
4. Enhancing the speed of innovation and its application throughout the production and marketing system,
5. Improving linkages between science and agribusiness in the application of technology, and
6. Fostering capability development in research towards advanced expertise.

While a Visiting Fellow would normally be expected to make 2 – 3 short-term visits of 2 – 3 weeks over a 12 – 18 month period, variations in these terms will be considered by the AGMARDT Trustees if such variations better suits the Visiting Fellow's availability or the purpose of the activity that they are involved in.

3. Host Organisation Applicant

Visiting Fellows will be hosted by an organisation in New Zealand, such as a university, Crown Research Institute, Industry Research organisations, businesses or government.

When making application to AGMARDT under this programme, the Host Organisation will be required to:

1. Nominate a Visiting Fellow and confirm their availability for the AGMARDT Visiting Fellowship at the specified periods;
2. Outline to AGMARDT the theme and purpose of the Visiting Fellowship, the activities that the fellow will be engaged in and the outcomes of the Visiting Fellowship;
3. Demonstrate to AGMARDT the benefit of the Visiting Fellowship and associated activities to New Zealand;
4. Demonstrate to AGMARDT that there is a good strategic fit between the purpose of the Visiting Fellowship and AGMARDT's strategic objectives;
5. Demonstrate to AGMARDT that the Visiting Fellowship has support from organisations other than the Host Organisation;
6. Outline how the outputs of the Visiting Fellowship will be disseminated beyond the Host Organisation.

The Host Organisation will manage the activities of the Visiting Fellowship and provide any overhead support associated with these activities.

4. AGMARDT Funding

The AGMARDT contribution will include the reasonable costs of airfares, accommodation, internal travel, and Visiting Fellow's fee. Application for support to cover venues for events and associated publicity may be made under the AGMARDT Conference Support Programme, and application for additional resources to support on-going activity that emerges from the visit or visits of the Visiting Fellow may be made to AGMARDT through one of its associated programmes.

AGMARDT may provide additional resources for ongoing activity that is a direct result of the Visiting Fellowship visits; for example, funding for Masters or PhD study, Postdoctoral or other research, or some other endeavour that enhances the impact of the output from the visit or visits of the Visiting Fellow.

5. Grant Payments

AGMARDT will contract with the Host Organisation, which will then make any necessary contractual arrangements with the Visiting Fellow.

6. Applications:

The Host Organisation must apply for a Visiting Fellowship on the form provided by AGMARDT accompanied by a copy of proposed Visiting Fellow's curriculum vitae (original plus one photocopy). The application form must be signed by the head of the Host Organisation or nominee.

Applications may be submitted to AGMARDT at any time throughout the year on the designated application form. Address details follow:

Postal address:

The General Manager
AGMARDT
PO Box 25207
Wellington

Courier address:

The General Manager
AGMARDT
5th Floor, Axon House,
1 Willeston Street
Wellington

Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

All applications will be assessed on merit by the AGMARDT Board of Trustees assisted, where necessary, by independent expert advisers appointed by the Board.