**APPLICATION FOR CRITIC AND CONSCIENCE OF SOCIETY AWARD**

The purpose of the Award is to encourage the academic staff at New Zealand universities to act as the critic and conscience of society.

Each year the Award is to be made to an academic staff member who, in the opinion of a panel of three independent judges, has done more in the past two calendar years than any other applicant to provide the public with independent, expert commentary on an issue or issues affecting the New Zealand community or future generations. Winners of the Award will not be eligible to apply again until after five years have elapsed.

The Award will be presented at a special function in mid-2019. It will be accompanied by a cheque for $50,000 which is to be used by the recipient to assist with research, conferences and other work-related expenses. The funds will be administered by the Research Office of the university where the recipient works. The Award is being sponsored by The Gama Foundation.

Applications should be sent via email to Universities New Zealand [contact@universitiesnz.ac.nz](mailto:contact@universitiesnz.ac.nz) with ‘Critic and Conscience of Society Award – Application’ in the subject line.

The closing date is **28 February 2019**and the announcement of the winner will be made in a media release issued by Universities New Zealand.

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Please answer the following questions concisely.

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| 1. What was the New Zealand critic and conscience of society issue you raised or commented on within the past two calendar years? |
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| 1. Have you received support from any person or organisation who or which could derive a direct financial benefit from the issue raised or commented on? Explain briefly any such support. |
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| 1. Did you put forward possible solutions to the issue? |
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| 1. How did you raise the issue and how widely was it brought to the attention of the public, officials and elected representatives? Provide copies or links to articles in newspapers, magazines and broadcasts. Also, any article published in an academic journal after peer review. |
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| 1. Has the publication or broadcasting of the issue stimulated debate and how have you responded to this? |
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| 1. Has the raising of the issue resulted in any planned changes? |
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| 1. Has there been any public or professional criticism of your work and opinions and, if so, how have you responded to this? |
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