



Angus Ross Travel Scholarship in History

Established by the family of Angus Ross in 2010, the Angus Ross Travel Scholarship in History is intended to assist PhD candidates studying history with the costs associated with off-campus field and archival research.

Angus Ross, OBE, MC and Bar, ED Aristion Andrias, MA(NZ), PhD(Cantab), was first permanently employed at Otago in 1937 and was Professor of History from 1965 to 1977. As part of his own postgraduate research, Professor Ross completed fieldwork around the South Island on bicycle and foot, including travelling unaccompanied across rough terrain from Westland to Central Otago prior to the construction of the Haast Road.

Eligibility

Applications are open to current University of Otago PhD candidates who, as part of their PhD studies:

- ♦ are conducting historically-focused research (preference will be given to candidates primarily based in the Department of History and Art History);
- ♦ will be conducting off-campus field or archival research in the year for which the scholarship is awarded (the year following application).

Note that this scholarship is not intended to support travel to a conference. Previous recipients are not eligible to apply for the scholarship in subsequent years.

Application Process

Every applicant must submit to the Doctoral and Scholarships Office by 1 November.

- ♦ a brief Curriculum Vitae;
- ♦ a description of the work to be conducted with the assistance of the scholarship, and the significance this work will have for their PhD research (no more than 500 words);
- ♦ a budget of costs associated with the work to be conducted with the assistance of the scholarship;
- ♦ a letter of support from their PhD supervisor.

The University may also access academic transcripts and evidence of PhD progress in assessing this award.

In exceptional circumstances applicants may be required to attend an interview either in person or by teleconference.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee shall include the Head, Department of History and Art History; the Postgraduate Coordinator of the Department of History and Art History, and the Group Leader of the Doctoral and Scholarships Office, or nominees. The Committee shall consider the following factors in recommending the award of the scholarship:

- ♦ the significance of the field or archival work to the applicant's PhD research;
- ♦ progress on the PhD to date;
- ♦ the academic ability of the applicant.

In cases of equal merit, preference shall be given to applicants studying Māori or Pacific Island history.

The University of Otago is not obliged to award this scholarship if in any year if there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

Financial Arrangements

The scholarship consists of a one-off payment to the applicant, to be used in the payment of costs associated with the specified field or archival research. Should the work for which the scholarship is given not be carried out, the University reserves the right to require repayment of the funds provided.

Tenure

- ♦ Each scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded; deferral of the award to a subsequent year is not permitted.
- ♦ The Angus Ross Travel Scholarship in History may be held concurrently with other scholarships or awards.

Other Requirements

The scholarship recipient must:

- ♦ allow the use by the University of his or her name, image and biographical details in advertising and publicity, for an agreed period of time;
- ♦ accede to reasonable requests from the University to participate in interviews and promotional activities;
- ♦ upon completion of the field or archival work for which the scholarship is given, provide a statement to the Doctoral and Scholarships Office, endorsed by their primary supervisor, confirming completion of the research.

Notes

- ♦ The average value of the scholarship is \$1000. Amounts may vary from year to year depending on funding available. The Selection Committee may also choose to split the scholarship between applicants in any given year.