

Brenda Shore Award for Women

Established in 1993 by the Brenda Shore Postgraduate Trust in partnership with Graduate Women Otago. Born in 1922, Dr Brenda Shore was educated at Epsom Girls' Grammar School and Otago University (MSc 1946 (Botany)). She taught in the Botany Department from 1945 until her retirement as Associate Professor in 1983. In 1951 she was awarded the New Zealand Federation of University Women (now Graduate Women New Zealand) Fellowship for study abroad, and spent three years at Newnham College, Cambridge, gaining a PhD in plant anatomy.

This award is to help female graduates carry out research related to the Otago, Southland or Antarctic regions, or do other postgraduate study at the University of Otago.

Eligibility

Every applicant must:

- be enrolled (or intend to enrol) as female at the University of Otago;
- be a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand Residence Class Visa Holder; and
- fulfil two of the following criteria:
 - be a University of Otago graduate
 - be a graduate carrying out research related to the Otago, Southland or Antarctic areas
 - be a graduate carrying out research for a postgraduate degree at the University of Otago.

Application Process

Every application for the scholarship must be submitted to Student Administration (Scholarships) at the University of Otago by 28 February in the intended year of tenure.

Every applicant must submit:

- a completed application form, provided by Student Administration (Scholarships);
- a brief budget outlining proposed research costs;
- an academic reference letter; and
- a copy of their academic transcript if not an Otago graduate.

Selection Process

Selection will be made by the Brenda Shore selection panel comprising members of Graduate Women Otago. Preference will be given to study in the natural sciences, but other disciplines will be considered.

The selection panel reserves the right not to award the scholarship in any given year.

Financial

- One or more scholarships may be awarded each year.
- The combined value of the scholarships awarded will not normally exceed \$8,000.
- The number and value of scholarships each year will be determined by the selection panel.
- Funding is for research costs only, and cannot be used for conference expenses, tuition fees, food or accommodation costs.
- Half the award will be paid at the beginning of the recipient's postgraduate research, and the other half after a written progress report at the half-way point is submitted to the selection panel.

Tenure

- The scholarship may be held with full-time or part-time tenure.
- The scholarship may not be awarded more than once to the same student.

- The scholarship should normally be taken up within one year of being awarded.
- The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship where its regulations also allow co-tenure.

Other Requirements

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago.
- The award holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested to by Graduate Women Otago.