Kevin L Novins Computer Science Travelling Scholarship

Through the generosity of the Alumni of the University of Otago in America, funds have been made available to provide travelling scholarships for University of Otago graduate research candidates whose studies may benefit from a period spent in the United States of America.

The scholarship has been made possible through a generous bequest to the Alumni of the University of Otago in America by the Novins family. Kevin Novins was a faculty member in the University of Otago Department of Computer Science from 1995 until 2001.

Eligibility

Every candidate applying for the scholarship must be a current University of Otago Master's or PhD candidate with an outstanding academic record whose research would be enhanced by a period of study in a US institution.

Application Process

Each applicant must submit an application to the University of Otago Doctoral and Scholarships Office by the specified closing date. The application shall consist of:

- an academic curriculum vitae;

- an overview of the planned visit including the purpose of the visit, a draft schedule indicating the timing of visit, the host academic, and the location of the visit if applicable; and,

- letter(s) of support from proposed host institution(s), or equivalent evidence of the feasibility of the proposed visit.

The University of Otago Doctoral and Scholarships Office shall append a copy of the applicant's academic transcript to the application.

Selection Process

The selection committee, consisting of the Head of the Department of Computer Science, in the chair, and two senior academics from the Department of Computer Science, shall consider the following factors in recommending award of the scholarship:

- Academic and research ability as demonstrated through previous study, research outputs and experience, and progress in applicants' current graduate research qualifications.

- The value of the proposed visit to the candidate's research.

Applications will be considered alongside applications for the Kevin L Novins Computer Science Fellowship for visiting US academics. No award may be made in any year if the Fellowship is awarded, if funds do not permit award, or if the committee decides there are insufficient applications meriting award.

Financial Arrangements

The value of the scholarship may vary, but will not normally be less than $3000. Funding is to be used primarily for travel, accommodation and living expenses. Any other financial arrangements shall be at the discretion of the University.

Tenure

The tenure of the scholarship is dependent on the schedule of the recipient. Normally a recipient would be expected to stay in the US for at least 10 working days. The recipient may visit more than one institution during their travel.

Other

The recipient of the scholarship shall be known as the Kevin L Novins Student Scholar.