



Diane Campbell-Hunt Memorial Award

The Diane Campbell-Hunt Memorial Award was established in 2010 with funds raised following the tragic death of Diane Campbell-Hunt in an accident on Mount Taranaki in October 2008. Diane Campbell-Hunt was a PhD candidate in the (then) Department of Geography, funded by a Tertiary Education Commission Top Achiever Doctoral scholarship. She had completed two-thirds of her PhD programme at the time of her death. Her project looked at the long-term sustainability of fenced sanctuaries in New Zealand in a multi-disciplinary analysis: ecological, economic, social, and governmental.

The intent of this Award is to support research on any topic that helps foster the conservation of New Zealand's plants and animals and the communities they form, and to have the research communicated to a general audience. The research may be scientific in nature, or focus more on the social processes involved in conservation, e.g. political, legal, economic and management. The Award will be made annually for the best paper contributing to this cause. Projects taking a multi-disciplinary approach are especially welcome, but applications are judged ultimately on the quality of contribution made.

Eligibility

Candidates must:

- Be enrolled and confirmed in a PhD programme or the thesis component of a Master's research programme in any Department or School at the University of Otago.
- Have written a peer-reviewed academic paper that has been accepted for publication in a journal or for presentation at a conference, or a book chapter that has been accepted for publication in a volume of academic peer-reviewed research, which contributes to New Zealand conservation (as defined above), and in which they are the lead author.
- Not have previously been granted the Award.

Application

Applications for the Award must:

- Be accompanied by a copy of the paper for which the Award will be made.
- Be accompanied by the prescribed application form, including a report from the applicant's supervisor or Head of Department on the eligibility of the applicant (including the applicant's contribution to the paper being submitted), and a statement from the applicant that explains (in 500 words or less) the paper's contribution to New Zealand conservation.
- Be accompanied by a plan for use of the Award that will further their research, for example support for conference leave, a publication subsidy, or operating costs for further research.
- Be submitted to Student Administration (Scholarships) by the specified closing date.

Applicants are also encouraged to include a Curriculum Vitae detailing their previous publications.

Selection

Applications will be assessed by a small, cross-disciplinary Advisory Board, made up of academic staff from all divisions of the University with established research reputations on New Zealand conservation issues. The Board reserves the right not to grant the Award should no suitable applicant be available, or when there are insufficient funds available in any given year.

Financial

- The value of the Award will be at least \$1,000.

Tenure

- Each Award must be taken up in the year in which it is made.
- The Award may be held concurrently with other awards, subject to approval from the selection panel.

Other Requirements

Within 12 months of the Award being granted, the recipient must:

- Write and publish a non-technical article on their work in a general-readership magazine (e.g. Forest and Bird).
- Submit a report on the use of Award to Student Administration (Scholarships) for review by the donor.

Publicity

The University of Otago and the Foundation Trust reserve the right to use the names, photographs and details of successful applicants for the purposes of advertising and publicity. The Award holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University or the Trust.