

THE ROBERT BURNS FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship was established in 1958 by a group of citizens, who wished to remain anonymous, to commemorate the bicentenary of the birth of Robert Burns and to perpetuate appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the early settlement of Otago by the Burns family. The general purpose of the Fellowship is to encourage and promote imaginative New Zealand literature and to associate writers thereof with the University. It is attached to the University's English and Linguistics Programme.

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. The Fellowship shall be open to writers of imaginative literature, including poetry, drama, fiction, autobiography, biography, essays or literary criticism, who are normally resident in New Zealand or who, for the time being, are residing overseas and who in the opinion of the Selection Committee have established by published work or otherwise that they are a serious writer likely to continue writing and to benefit from the Fellowship.
2. Applicants for the Fellowship need not possess a university degree or diploma or any other educational or professional qualification nor belong to any association or organisation of writers. As between candidates of comparable merit, preference shall be given to applicants under forty years of age at the time of selection. The Fellowship shall not normally be awarded to a person who is a full time teacher at any University.
3. Normally one Fellowship shall be awarded annually and normally for a term of one year, but may be awarded for a shorter period. The Fellowship may be extended for a further term of up to one year, provided that no Fellow shall hold the Fellowship for more than two years continuously.
4. No person shall be selected for the Fellowship more than three times, or hold the Fellowship for a total of more than four years.
5. Applicants shall inform the Selection Committee of their proposed intentions during the tenure of the Fellowship and shall provide such other information as the Committee may require, but shall not be required to submit any formal scheme of work or to complete or undertake any particular work prior to selection.
6. Fellows will be expected to acknowledge the assistance of the Fellowship when publishing any work written during their tenure.
7. Fellows shall normally reside in Dunedin during the University year and shall be provided by the University with suitable accommodation in which to work,

preferably in the University's English and Linguistics Programme. Fellows may be requested to undertake a limited amount of lecturing or seminar work in the English and Linguistics Programme during not more than one semester in the University year and/or to deliver a course of not more than six lectures open to the public, provided always that Fellows have sufficient free time in which to pursue their own literary work or studies.

ROBERT BURNS FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Since the Fellowship was established, the following awards have been made:

1959	Ian Cross	1995	Elsbeth Sandys
1960	Maurice Duggan	1996	Bernadette Hall
1961	F.A. John Caselberg	1997	Paddy Richardson
1962	Ronald A.K. Mason	1998	Michael King
1963	Maurice F.R. Shadbolt	1999	Michael King, Paula Boock
1964	Maurice Gee	2000	James Norcliffe
1965	Janet Frame	2001	Joanna Randerson
1966, 1967	James K. Baxter	2002	Alison Wong
1968	Ruth M. Dallas	2003	Nick Ascroft, Sarah Quigley
1969	Warren A. Dibble, Hone Tuwhare	2004	Katherine Duignan
1970	O. Edward Middleton	2005	Catherine Chidgey
1971	Noel H. Hilliard	2006	Catherine Chidgey, Dianne Pettis
1972	Ian C. Wedde	2007	Laurence Fearnley
1973	Graham J. Billing	2008	Sue Wootton
1974	Hone Tuwhare	2009	Michael Harlow
1975	Witi Ihimaera, Sam Hunt	2010	Michele Powles
1977	Roger L. Hall, Kerry A.L. Hulme	2011	Fiona Farrell
1978	Roger L. Hall, Peter Olds	2012	Emma Neale
1979	Michael A. Noonan	2013	David Howard
1980	Philip Temple	2014	Majella Cullinane
1981, 1982	William S. Sewell	2015	Louise Wallace
1983	Rawiri Paratene	2016	Victor Rodger
1984	Brian L. Turner	2017	Craig Cliff
1985, 1986	Cilla McQueen	2018	Rhian Gallagher
1987	Robert Lord	2019	Emily Duncan
1988	John Dickson	2020	John Newton
1989	Renee	2021	Becky Manawatu
1990	David Eggleton	2022	Albert Belz
1991	Lynley Hood	2023	Kathryn van Beek
1992	Owen Marshall	2024	Mikaela Nyman
1993	Stuart Hoar	2025	Dr Octavia Cade
1994	Christine Johnston	2026	Rachel O'Neill

FURTHER INFORMATION

1. The Fund is entrusted to the University Council. With the approval of the Council any surplus income from the Fund may be used for the publishing of writings or of lectures delivered by the Fellow.
2. The Fellow may use the University Library and other facilities ordinarily available to University staff.
3. Subject to funds being available from the income of the Fellowship Fund in any one year, the annual value of the Fellowship will be not less than the minimum salary of a fulltime University Lecturer. In 2027 the total amount available to the Fellow is \$97,377 which includes salary and approved travel and removal expenses (see 4. below). The salary portion is payable in fortnightly instalments. The Fellow is expected to take up the Fellowship by 1 February in the twelve months following selection.
4. By prior arrangement with the Convenor of the Fellowship Selection Committee and the Human Resources Division, return air tickets from the Fellow's normal place of residence will be provided for the Fellow, partner and dependent children if the Fellow is resident in New Zealand. Where a New Zealand writer resident abroad is selected, the University will decide on the amount and method of assistance to be made available for the purposes of travel; this is unlikely to exceed the equivalent of a single excursion airfare.

Assistance with removal of effects to and from Dunedin for a Fellow resident in New Zealand may also be provided from within the total emolument by arrangement.
5. The University Accommodation Service may be able to assist with finding suitable residential accommodation for the Fellow.
6. The Council may terminate the Fellowship if, in its opinion, the Fellow commits serious misdemeanours or gravely neglects to fulfill the conditions of the award.
7. Although a medical certificate is not required with any application, the successful candidate may be required to undergo medical examination if the University so wishes.