



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 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.

OBJECTIVE OF THE AWARD

The intent of this award is to support research on any topic that will contribute to fostering the conservation of New Zealand's plants and animals and the communities they form, including also the social processes involved in conservation, e.g. political, legal, economic and management, and to have the research communicated to a general audience.

The award will be made annually for the best paper that makes a contribution to the above conservation cause. The paper may be one that has been accepted for publication by an academic journal or that has been accepted for presentation at a conference provided the paper has been peer refereed. Projects that take a multi-disciplinary approach will be especially welcomed, but the award will always be based on the quality of the contribution made.

One award will be made each year over a ten-year period, after which the award will be discontinued.

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must:

- Be enrolled and confirmed in a PhD programme in any Department or School at the University of Otago
- Have had accepted a peer-reviewed academic paper (conference or journal) that contributes to New Zealand conservation (as defined above), and in which they are the lead author.
- Not have previously been awarded the award.

VALUE

The value of the award will be at least \$1000.00.

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.

REQUIREMENTS

Within 12 months of the award being granted, every recipient of the award 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 the Head of the Department of Geography and the Chair of the Advisory Panel.

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.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

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, operating costs for further research.
- Be submitted to the Doctoral and Scholarships Office no later than 30 June.

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.