



Elizabeth Jean Trotter Postgraduate Research Travelling Scholarship in Biomedical Sciences

Established in 2016 by the University of Otago Council from a generous donation in memory of Elizabeth Jean Trotter. The Elizabeth Jean Trotter Postgraduate Research Travelling Scholarship in Biomedical Sciences was established to support travel to a conference, workshop, or laboratory for postgraduate students undertaking research in Biomedical Sciences.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be enrolled for a PhD or in the research year of a Master's programme with primary supervision in the Otago School of Biomedical Sciences (BMS).
- Be undertaking research in a Biomedical Sciences field.

Application Process

Every application for the scholarship must be submitted to the University of Otago Scholarships Office by the closing date.

Every applicant must submit:

- A completed application form detailing the purpose of, and benefits expected to result from, the proposed travel
- A letter of support from the candidate's primary supervisor, addressing the candidate's work to date and the value of the chosen conference, workshop, or laboratory visit, to the candidate.
- A brief Curriculum Vitae.
- Title of proposed oral presentation or poster at the chosen conference (if applicable).

Selection Process

The Selection Committee shall consist of the Dean of Otago School of Biomedical Sciences (as Convenor), the Associate Dean Research (BMS), the Donor and Funding Manager, and the Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards Manager, or their nominees.

The following factors shall be considered in selecting the scholarship:

- The applicant's stated reasons for applying for the scholarship.
- The indicative budget and the value of attendance at the chosen conference, workshop, or laboratory visit, to the doctoral research and career of the applicant.
- Any other University of Otago or public information available considered to be relevant to the selection panel.
- In addition to these primary criteria, the Committee may also give consideration to life circumstances which present significant challenges to studying at University.
- The Selection Committee is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

Panel decisions will be advised at the start of the year following the application deadline.

Financial

- The value of up to a maximum of \$15,000 can be awarded annually. The maximum of any one award will be \$5,000.
- Eighty percent (80%) of the payment will be made at a date to be determined before the travel commences, with the remaining twenty percent (20%) after receipts adding up to at least the total value of the award are received by the Scholarships Office.
- The University reserves the right to require repayment of the funds provided if the work for which the scholarship is provided is not carried out or any funds remain at the conclusion of the travel.
- All funds must be used in the calendar year following the awarding of the scholarship.

Tenure

- Applicants will normally be enrolled full time.
- The scholarship must be taken up within one year of being awarded.
- The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship, subject to approval by the Postgraduate Scholarships, Prize and Awards Manager.

Other Requirements

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