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*Te Rōpū Mātai Hinengaro o Aotearoa*

## **Postgraduate Student Social Justice Research Scholarship**

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### **Brief history of the scholarship**

The postgraduate student social justice research scholarship was established in 2017 to support the research of NZPsS student subscribers in the area of social justice.

### **Aims of the scholarship**

This scholarship is intended to support students studying psychology to conduct research on a significant social justice issue e.g. poverty, social inequality, discrimination etc. as part of a recognized post-graduate degree in psychology at a New Zealand university.

### **Nature and Conditions of the scholarship**

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement and the relevance of the student's research to social justice.

The recipient of the social justice research scholarship will receive \$5000 and will be required to present a paper at the annual NZPsS Conference and submit an article for the *New Zealand Journal of Psychology* or *Psychology Aotearoa* within two years of receiving the scholarship. These may be a summaries of progress if the research has not yet been completed.

The recipient will receive 80% of the scholarship (i.e., \$4000) on confirmation of enrolment in a postgraduate programme in psychology. The remaining \$1000 will be paid on the presentation of a paper at the NZPsS conference and an article for publication.

### **Eligibility criteria**

Applicants for the scholarship must be current student subscribers of the New Zealand Psychological Society and must be a student at the time of their application and must be enrolled in a post-graduate degree in psychology.

### **Application process**

- Applications are invited through Society publications and the NZPsS website.
- Applicants need to provide
  - a CV
  - an academic transcript
  - a statement about the research and ways in which it relates to a significant social justice issue in Aotearoa New Zealand (maximum 1,500 words)
  - the names and contact details of two academic referees (one of whom should be the current or intended supervisor of the research),
- The applicant will be asked to indicate if their application is successful whether they would be willing to be named in media reports of the NZPsS awards

To assist the Awards Committee, it is important that all information provided is full, accurate and complete. Electronic digital copies of all documentation and supporting statements are preferred. The Society will require one hard copy of the application with signatures for recording and audit purposes.

All communication regarding the postgraduate student research scholarship should be addressed to

Membership Administrator  
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Email: [membership@psychology.org.nz](mailto:membership@psychology.org.nz)

### **Selection Process**

Nominations/applications for NZPsS Awards/Scholarships are reviewed by an Awards Committee appointed by the Executive of the New Zealand Psychological Society.

The Awards Committee makes a recommendation to the Executive. The Committee may recommend that no awards/scholarship be awarded in any particular year.

Applicants who are unsuccessful may re-apply as long as they are able to meet the eligibility criteria for the scholarship

### **Criteria for the evaluation of applications**

This scholarship supports postgraduate research in psychology and social justice issues. In making its judgment the Awards Committee will have regard to the originality, independence, relevance, actual or potential impact, contribution to psychology and/to social justice, human welfare (in general, or in reference to any specific group), and the overall quality of the application submitted for the scholarship.

### **Timetable and presentation of awards**

The timetable for the Postgraduate Student Social Justice Research Scholarship is as follows

- Applications close on the date published on the NZPsS website and *Connections*
- Under normal circumstances, applicants will be advised in writing of the outcome of their application once the selection process has taken place
- The Awards will be announced/presented at the NZPsS Annual Conference by the President of the NZPsS or other delegated person
- Recipients will be identified and congratulated in Society publications and on the NZPsS website

### **Communication Issues**

The NZPsS may wish to communicate information on the scholarship to the media to increase public awareness about excellence in psychology practice, teaching and research. This will only occur with permission of successful applicants/nominees.