

Maori and Pacific Island Student Research Scholarship

Application Form

Current and predicted pressures pose significant challenges for managers and planners seeking to provide sustainable futures for coastal environments and communities. The New Zealand Coastal Society (NZCS) was inaugurated in 1992 to promote and advance knowledge and understanding of the coastal zone. This includes fostering coastal research and capacity building that has the potential to contribute towards the aims of the society. The Society is offering one PhD or Masters Research scholarship annually to students of Maori or Pacific Island descent or any student whose research topic has a Maori and Pacific Island focus and is applicable to scientific and planning practices within the New Zealand coastal environment. The purpose of this scholarship is also to promote diversity amongst coastal practitioners.

The value of the award is NZ \$5,000 to support PhD research or NZ \$2,500 to support Masters research. Free attendance to the annual NZCS conference and dinner will also be awarded (additional value \$700).

To apply for either scholarship check the regulations (overleaf) for your eligibility, then complete this form (including the project outline and CV) and send it with a copy of your academic transcript plus a reference letter from your (proposed) supervisor to: Renee Coutts, NZCS Administrator, PO Box 12241 Thorndon, Wellington 6144 or nzcoastalsociety@gmail.com. The supervisor's reference should indicate your suitability to undertake the proposed research and if the proposed project can be completed within the timeframe required by the academic host institution. Please keep electronic file sizes reasonably small.

Applications close **5pm on 1st May** each year. Announcement of the successful recipient will be within one calendar month of the closing date. The recipient is invited to attend the annual NZCS conference and will receive a free conference registration and dinner ticket (value \$700) to encourage their attendance at this occasion.

For information about the society, conference or enquiries see <http://www.coastalsociety.org.nz>

Full name

Email and postal address

Department & institution enrolled in

Degree enrolled in (proposed or current)

Enrolment and completion dates (planned or actual)

Enrolment status (proposed or current)

Full time – Part time (delete one)

Supervisor's name

NZCS membership status

**Full - Student - Application recently submitted
 (delete two)**

Project title

Do you have other sources of funding for your thesis (e.g. for fees, stipend, travel, research costs)?

(if yes, please state amount, source & timeframe)

Applicant signature and date

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Student Project Outline

Write your research project outline here in single-spaced, size-12 Arial or similar font, including the title and your name. Outline the aims and methodology of your proposed research and how the anticipated results relate to the objects and vision of the NZCS .

The objectives of the Society are to promote and advance knowledge and understanding of the coastal zone and to provide a forum for those with a genuine interest in the coastal zone to communicate amongst themselves and to the public at large.

The NZCS vision is to have New Zealand's coastline acclaimed as a world-class example of sound coastal management based on international best practice, involved communities and effective national networks.

(Max 2 pages, delete this text if space required).

Student Curriculum Vitae

Write your curriculum vitae of relevant information here in single-spaced, size-12 Arial or similar font, including your name (max 2 pages, delete this text if space required), including an indication of how you could benefit from receiving this award.

Judging Criteria

Applications will be assessed based the specific assessment criteria below (in order of importance):

- Student eligibility. (check Regulations below)
- The research provides a significant contribution towards the objectives of the NZCS to promote and advance knowledge and understanding of the coastal zone and enhance coastal management.
- Use of scholarship funds.
 - Use for extending or enhancing the research scope has a higher priority than conference attendance or student living costs.
- Research undertaken by anyone of Maori and Pacific Island descent. Demonstration of ethnicity/heritage not required within the application but must be demonstrable if requested; or
- Research topic has a Maori and Pacific Island focus and is applicable to scientific and planning practices within the New Zealand coastal environment.
- Research undertaken in the coastal environment.
 - Research relating to lakes, rivers or deep water oceanography is generally supported by other societies such as the Hydrological, Limnological or Marine Sciences societies. However, coastal processes within freshwater environments are acceptable to NZCS.
- Research based in New Zealand.
 - For us to support overseas research, the applicant will need to demonstrate its relevance to the New Zealand coast and/or coastal management.
- Study has well-defined aims and the student has demonstrated depth of understanding of the issue under investigation appropriate to the research level.
- Academic competence of the student based on the grade point average.
- Supervisor's recommendation.

Scholarship Regulations

- (1) This scholarship will be awarded by the NZCS committee, which reserves the right to not make an award in any year they deem there are no satisfactory candidates.
- (2) Recipients must undertake the research project while enrolled for a Masters or PHD degree in a NZ institution. S/he may already be enrolled prior to the 1st May scholarship application deadline as follows: Masters students must not have completed more than 0.6 EFTS of their thesis study period, PhD candidates must not have completed more than 2.0 EFTS of their thesis study period.
- (3) Recipients may be New Zealand citizens, residents, or international students. S/he will be a member of the NZCS for the duration of the scholarship.
- (4) The offer of the scholarship will lapse if not accepted via email or in writing within 1 month of a student receiving an offer. A student must take up the scholarship within 6 months of acceptance unless otherwise agreed by the NZCS committee.
- (5) Recipients must comply with their institutions regulations for the degree in which they are enrolled for the duration of the scholarship.
- (6) The total value of each annual scholarship will be \$5000 for a PhD student and \$2500 for a Masters student, each to be paid in 3 instalments:

- a. 40% as soon as practicable after the recipient has completed enrolment and accepted the scholarship,
 - b. 40% after completion of 0.5 equivalent full-time study (EFTS) towards the recipient's degree (equivalent to 6 months full-time enrolment), and
 - c. 20%, for a Masters student after completion of their thesis or, for a PhD candidate on completion of 1 EFTS after the first payment.
 - d. The second and third payments are subject to a letter from the recipient's supervisor to the NZCS committee reporting that the student has made satisfactory progress.
 - e. The amount of each instalment may be negotiated with the NZCS committee depending on the scholar's timetable of research costs.
- (7) Upon completion of research for a Masters student, or after 12 months for a PhD candidate, recipients must submit an article for publication in the society newsletter *Coastal News* outlining their research findings.
- (8) Upon completion of research for a Masters student, or after 12 months for a PhD candidate, recipients must submit a poster or oral paper for presentation at the Society's annual conference reporting on the research conducted during the tenure the NZCS scholarship. If recipients can attend this conference their registration fee will be waived. If recipients are unable to attend this conference the paper may be presented by their supervisors or another appropriate person.
- (9) Recipients shall lodge with the NZCS committee a PDF copy of any thesis or publication arising from the work undertaken during the tenure of the scholarship, and shall give due recognition to the donors in such publications.
- (10) A scholarship may be terminated or suspended by the NZCS committee if it is not satisfied with the conduct or progress of a recipient, or if a recipient has failed to comply with any of the terms or conditions on which the scholarship was awarded. The NZCS committee may, in such a case, require a recipient to refund a proportion of the scholarship. The NZCS committee may relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to a scholar.