

## ROAD SAFETY TRUST RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

The Road Safety Trust offers scholarships each year for study at either Masters or Doctoral level. The scholarships are only available for New Zealand citizens or those holding New Zealand permanent resident status.

### *Conditions*

The scholarships shall be awarded to those carrying out full-time (or, in agreed circumstances, approved part-time) study in areas directly related to road safety and consistent with the road safety priorities in the Road Safety to 2010 Strategy, published by the National Road Safety Committee. Study may be undertaken at any New Zealand university. Students holding an award are required to lodge a copy of their thesis and any published papers with the Ministry of Transport.

### *Value and Tenure*

#### **Masters degree awards:**

Each award shall be tenable for one year and that year shall be the thesis year of a Masters degree. The value of the scholarships shall be \$10,000 per annum, plus a contribution of up to \$2,500 towards university tuition fees. Each award may also include a contribution towards actual and reasonable research expenses of up to \$2,500.

#### **Doctoral degree awards:**

The scholarships for doctoral degree study shall be available for a term of up to three years, with a possibility of an extension to three-and-a-half years (forty-two months). The value of the scholarships shall be normally \$20,000 per annum, plus a contribution of up to \$2,500 per annum towards university tuition fees. Each award may also include a contribution towards actual and reasonable research expenses of up to \$2,500 per annum.

#### **NB**

These amounts may be apportioned differently according to the candidates' individual financial circumstances and with the Selection Committee's agreement.

The scholarships are tenable with other scholarships, but account will be taken of the aggregate circumstances of the scholar and of the desirability of using available funds to best advantage.

### *Application*

Applicants shall apply for the scholarships by completing the forms supplied by Universities New Zealand. All applicants who are enrolled at a university in New Zealand shall forward their applications to reach the Scholarships Office of the university at which they are enrolled no later than 1 October in the year preceding that in which they propose to commence their graduate study. All other applicants shall forward their applications to reach the Scholarships Manager of Universities New Zealand no later than 1 October.

As a part of the application applicants shall forward a statement detailing the subject of their proposed course of research.

Applicants shall nominate as referees three persons who have been requested to testify directly and confidentially to the Selection Committee on their qualifications and ability to complete the proposed course of research.

Each application must be accompanied by:

- a) Signed Universities New Zealand Privacy Form;
- b) Certified copy of birth certificate and proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence;
- c) Certified copy of academic record;
- d) A detailed description of the proposed course of study (refer to "Conditions" above). The proposal should also comment on relevant previous work, the aims of the proposed research, the research plan and reasons for selecting the proposed supervisor and university department.

### *Selection*

The awards are made by Universities New Zealand on the recommendation of a Selection Committee whose membership includes the Chairman of the Road Safety Trust's Technical Advisory Committee or nominee, the Chairperson of the Road Safety Trust or nominee and two nominees of Universities New Zealand. The Committee may at its absolute discretion invite additional specialists onto the Selection Committee, or may seek the views of additional specialists to assist in the selection process.

The Selection Committee may summon to personal interview such of the applicants as it finds it desirable to see. The interviews will normally be held in January each year. All actual and reasonable travel expenses to and from the interview will be met by the Road Safety Trust.

In considering the suitability of an applicant for a scholarship the Selection Committee shall take into consideration the applicant's academic record, the proposed subject to be researched, the appropriateness of the supervisor, the applicant's general ability to undertake the proposed course of research, the referees' statements and any other relevant information that may be available.

No award will be made in any year if in the opinion of the Selection Committee there is no applicant of sufficient merit applying for the scholarship.

The selection committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

### *Conditions of Tenure*

The scholarships shall be tenable at any university in New Zealand.

The scholar's supervisor shall provide the Ministry of Transport, through Universities New Zealand, with six-monthly progress reports of the scholar's progress. The scholar and/or his/her supervisor may be invited to meet with the Ministry of Transport to discuss the progress of the course of research.

Should it become evident that a scholar's application or academic progress is falling below a level that would lead to success in the course of study, the Selection Committee may at any time vary, suspend or terminate any study award, or require the forfeiture of such portion of the scholarship emolument as Universities New Zealand may determine, if it is not satisfied that the scholar has been diligently pursuing the nominated course of study.