
THE TODD FOUNDATION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE (UNIVERSITIES)

The Todd Foundation Awards for Excellence (Universities) support projects that promote excellence, have a wide franchise, and encourage the development of new concepts, technology or research that will benefit New Zealand.

The Todd Foundation is a New Zealand philanthropic family foundation. For more information go to www.toddfoundation.org.nz

Purpose

The Todd Foundation Awards for Excellence (Universities) are granted so that a project or programme (whether in research or otherwise) is carried out in an approved university, normally in New Zealand, in a field of study which is likely to be of direct benefit to New Zealand and its people.

The project or programme may lead to a degree or other qualification, but this is not a pre-requisite for an award. The emphasis will be on projects which have a practical application.

The Todd Foundation Awards for Excellence (Universities) are available in three categories:

- Science and Technology (includes Agriculture and Conservation)
- Engineering and Manufacturing (includes Architecture and Design)
- Business and Commerce.

There is no limit on the numbers of applications considered for any of the categories above, and if the Selection Committee deems that no suitable candidate has been identified for a particular category then the number of awards made in other categories may be increased.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- hold a university degree or diploma.

Those currently in their final year of study are eligible to apply for an award, but any award made would be conditional upon the successful completion of that qualification.

Value

The value of each award is normally between \$2,000 and \$8,000 per year and will be decided by the Selection Committee according to an applicant's proposed

budget and the nature of the research project or programme. Assistance for expenses incurred in carrying out and disseminating research, including employment of technical staff, travel, special equipment, etc. may be provided.

Number of awards

The number of awards made in any year will be determined by the Selection Committee, having regard to the income available for the purpose.

No award will be made if the Selection Committee determines that there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

Term

The term of an award shall be at the discretion of the Selection Committee but will normally be for one year and not less than three months or more than three years.

Application

Applicants must complete an application using the Universities NZ online scholarships form: <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com>

The closing date is 1 March at 5pm.

The application will request and applicants must provide:

- proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency
- a copy of their academic record
- a statement of their proposed project or programme, which also identifies the university at which the project or programme is to be undertaken
- the names of two confidential referees who will be asked to add references to the application
- a full, itemised budget showing the funds required to support the project or programme
- any other information that seems pertinent to the application or which may from time to time be required by the Selection Committee.

Award winners taking up study overseas may be required to submit a recent medical certificate.

Selection

The Selection Committee will invite shortlisted candidates for an interview in June each year. All reasonable travel expenses within New Zealand will be met by The Todd Foundation.

In granting the awards, the Selection Committee will have regard not only to the professional and academic ability of the candidates, but also to their character and qualities of leadership, and will look for evidence of their capacity for innovation and ability to strive for excellence.

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is made up of:

- the Chairperson of The Todd Foundation or their nominee
- a nominee of The Todd Foundation
- the Convenor of the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee or their nominee
- a nominee of the New Zealand Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics.

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

Reports

Award holders must submit a detailed report to the Selection Committee, through Universities New Zealand, by 1 March in the year after the award was taken up. The report must be written by the research or programme supervisor and must outline the student's progress. Reports from the students outlining their own achievements after receiving the award are also invited. The student and/or their supervisor may be invited to meet with The Todd Foundation to discuss the progress of the research or programme.

Suspension or termination

The Selection Committee may at any time suspend or terminate any award, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the award emolument as the Committee may determine, if it is satisfied that the award holder is not diligently pursuing the research project or programme or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the award was granted.

An award shall be terminated and no further payments shall be made if an award holder ceases to pursue the aforesaid research project or programme.

Employment

Award holders shall normally be required to devote their whole time during the tenure of the award to their research project or programme but may undertake a limited amount of teaching as the Selection Committee will determine in each case.

Co-tenure

Award holders may hold other scholarships, awards or prizes only on such terms and conditions as the Selection Committee will determine in each case.

Intellectual property

Proposals that lead to the development of information or discoveries that may be patented or copyrighted should identify the potential beneficiaries at the commencement of the award.

It would be normal for the ownership of intellectual property to reside with the institution providing facilities for and/or supervising the award holder. In the absence of an identifiable institution the award holder will negotiate a suitable arrangement over the ownership of intellectual property with The Todd Foundation through the Convenor of the Selection Committee.

The Todd Foundation wishes the benefits of all intellectual property to be retained in New Zealand.

Power to vary conditions

The Selection Committee may make, amplify, vary or rescind all or any of the conditions or regulations relating to the Awards, and the granting and tenure of them specified in the preceding clauses, and add any further or substitute other conditions, provided that no such conditions shall be inconsistent with the general purpose of The Todd Foundation Awards for Excellence.

Publicity

The successful candidates will agree to have their names and images published and be available for interviews with the media if required.