

The John A.E. Britton Scholarship

Purpose

The funds for this scholarship are provided by the income from a bequest made by the late John Britton, from Otaki. John was passionate about helping people and wished to make a contribution towards supporting research into mental health in New Zealand with a long term aim to provide research that is of direct benefit to New Zealand and its people. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funds for individuals to undertake research at a New Zealand or Australian university in the area of mental health. Preference may be given to research into alcohol and drug addiction.

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from applicants who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have graduated from a New Zealand university in a field relevant to their proposed research
- Have gained, or expect to gain entrance into a relevant research degree in either New Zealand or Australia in the year immediately following the scholarship closing date
- Intend to make a career in the area of Mental Health on completion of their studies
- Are a New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Value

The scholarship award will be valued at up to \$15,000 per annum and may be used in any way that helps the scholar to meet the purposes of the award. Payments will be dependent on positive and satisfactory reports on progress from the scholar and their supervisor. Unsatisfactory progress may lead to termination of the award.

Tenure

The tenure of the scholarship will be determined by the selection committee. The scholarship is not co-tenable except with approval from the Chair of the selection committee.

Selection Criteria

In considering the award the selection committee will take into account:

- The relevance of the proposed research to the purpose of the scholarship
- The candidate's academic record and achievements to date
- The strength of the candidate's references.

No scholarship shall be awarded if, in the opinion of the selection committee, there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

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

Selection Committee

The scholarship is awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee consisting of:

- The Chair of the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee or their nominee
- A senior academic or professional from a relevant field appointed by the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee
- A member of the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee.

Reports

The successful candidate must provide progress reports as requested by the selection committee.

Suspension or Termination

The chair of the selection committee may at any time suspend or terminate the scholarship if it is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing their research or has failed to comply with any of the terms or conditions under which the scholarship has been awarded.

Administration

The scholarship will be administered by Universities New Zealand who will be responsible for publicising the availability of the scholarship, receiving applications, assisting the selection committee in the selection process, advising candidates of the results, and arranging payments.

Power to vary

Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee may from time to time vary these regulations provided that such changes are consistent with the wishes of the donor and the general purposes of the Scholarship.

Publicity

Scholars agree to have their name and image published and be available for interviews with the media if required.

Applications

Candidates should complete an application using the Universities NZ online scholarships application website: <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com>

The closing date is 1 October.

As part of the application process applicants must provide:

- Proof of NZ citizenship or permanent residency
- An outline of the proposed research, including its relevance to the scholarship's purpose
- A Curriculum Vitae
- The names of two people who the candidate has asked to provide references; these references should include assessments of the candidate's achievements and suitability for the award
- Academic transcript.
- Requests for references and for an academic transcript will be initiated by the applicant within the online application.