**APPLICATION FOR CRITIC AND CONSCIENCE OF SOCIETY AWARD**

The Education Act 1989 requires universities to act as the critic and conscience of society and the purpose of this Award is to encourage university staff to help fulfil this role. Each year the Award is made to an academic staff member who, in the opinion of a panel of three independent judges, has done more in the past two calendar years than any other applicant to provide the public with independent, expert commentary on an issue or issues affecting the New Zealand community or future generations. Winners of the Award will not be eligible to apply again until after five years have elapsed.

The Award will be presented at a special function at the university where the recipient works. It will be accompanied by a cheque for $50,000 which is to be used by the recipient to assist with research, conferences and other work-related expenses. The funds will be administered by the Research Office of the university where the recipient works. The Award is being sponsored by The Gama Foundation.

Applications should be sent via email to Universities New Zealand [contact@universitiesnz.ac.nz](mailto:contact@universitiesnz.ac.nz) with ‘Critic and Conscience of Society Award – Application’ in the subject line.

The closing date is **28 February 2021**and the announcement of the winner will be made in a media release issued by Universities New Zealand.

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Please answer the following questions concisely.

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| 1. What was the New Zealand critic and conscience of society issue or issues in your area of expertise which you raised or commented on within the past two calendar years? |
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| 1. Have you received support from any person or organisation who or which could derive a direct financial benefit from the issue raised or commented on? Explain briefly any such support. |
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| 1. Did you put forward possible solutions to the issue or issues? |
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| 1. How did you raise the issue or issues and how widely were they brought to the attention of the public, officials and elected representatives? It is important to provide copies or links to articles in newspapers, magazines and broadcasts. Also, list any public lectures, submissions to Select Committees, articles published in an academic journal after peer review. |
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| 1. Has the publication or broadcasting of the issue or issues stimulated debate and how have you responded to this? |
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| 1. Has the raising of the issue or issues resulted in any planned changes? |
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| 1. Has there been any public or professional criticism of your work and opinions and, if so, how have you responded to this? |
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