

SHIRTCLIFFE FELLOWSHIP

This Fellowship comes from a monetary gift made to the University of New Zealand in 1935 by Sir George Shirtcliffe of Wellington.

Purpose

The purpose of the Shirtcliffe Fellowship is to assist New Zealand university graduates of outstanding ability and character in the continuation of their studies in New Zealand or the Commonwealth.

Eligibility

The fellowships are open to any New Zealand citizen who is ordinarily resident in New Zealand and who:

- is a graduate of or is graduating from a New Zealand university
- plans to be or is currently registered as a doctoral candidate at a university in New Zealand or another Commonwealth country.

Value and tenure

One Fellowship can be awarded each year.

The Fellowship carries an award of \$5,000 per year and may be held for up to three years.

Applications

Applications must be made using the Universities NZ online system <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/Login.aspx>

The closing date is 1 April.

The on-line application process will request and candidates must provide:

- proof of New Zealand citizenship.
- a statement describing their doctoral research.
- the names and contact information of two referees.
- a statement giving an outline of non-academic/extracurricular activities.
- a budget of anticipated costs.

The on-line application will prompt applicants for a new scholarship to request a copy of their academic transcript from their New Zealand university.

The Selection Committee may take into consideration a candidate's financial circumstances and give preferential treatment to them if, by reason of their financial circumstances, the candidate would be unable to continue their studies or be severely disadvantaged in doing so if they didn't receive the award. Applicants may wish to provide a statement giving details of their financial circumstances.

Selection

The Selection Committee will take these factors into account when assessing applications:

- academic merit.
- quality of study plans.
- character and capacity for leadership.
- financial need.

The Selection Committee can request further evidence or information in support of any application, and may invite any candidate to a personal interview if desired. The Committee reserves the right not to award in any year if there is no candidate of sufficient merit to award.

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

Selection Committee membership

The Selection Committee comprises:

- the Governor-General of New Zealand for the time being or in their absence from New Zealand the Administrator of the Government, provided that the Governor-General or the Administrator of the Government may appoint any person to represent them as a member of the Selection Committee at any Fellowship meeting.

- the Chief Justice of New Zealand for the time being, provided that they may appoint any judge of the High Court to represent them as a member of the Selection Committee at any Fellowship meeting.
- the Anglican Bishop of Wellington for the time being, provided that they may appoint any person to represent them as a member of the Selection Committee at any Fellowship meeting.
- one person appointed by Universities NZ.
- one person appointed by The Royal Society.

The Selection Committee may appoint one other person to act as a member of the Selection Committee as and when required.

The members of the Selection Committee appointed by Universities NZ and the Royal Society shall be appointed for such term as these organisations decide. Any casual vacancy occurring in respect of any member of the Selection Committee so appointed shall be filled by Universities NZ or the Royal Society.

Administration

Universities NZ administers the Fellowship and makes the awards to applicants selected by the Selection Committee.

Awards are made to candidates who are ordinarily resident in New Zealand and who have been awarded other funding for their studies.

Payments are made in a single instalment each year upon receipt of proof of doctoral registration and satisfactory progress reports.

Universities NZ may vary the number or value of the Fellowship depending on available income.

Thesis

Every Fellow will supply to Universities NZ at least one copy of any thesis or other record of the programme of research undertaken under the Fellowship; and Universities NZ may, with the approval of the Selection Committee, pay the cost of publishing any such thesis or other record if in its opinion such a publication is likely to be of benefit to New Zealand or the Commonwealth.

Publicity

The successful candidate will agree to have their name and image published and be available for interviews with the media if required.