



NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION
OF OPTOMETRISTS INC.

NZAO Postgraduate Scholarship

NZ Association of Optometrists Education and Research Fund (NERF) established this Scholarship to provide financial assistance for a candidate enrolled full-time for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Optometry-relevant) at any New Zealand University.

Applicable Study: Doctor of Philosophy (Optometry-relevant)
Closing Date: 20th November in the year preceding the award
Value of Award: \$10,000 in total paid in five instalments of \$2,000 each
For: Financial assistance including living expenses

Selection Process:

- Application made by letter to NERF (application forms available from NZAO)
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by NERF on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

REGULATIONS

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the NZAO Postgraduate Scholarship.
2. The value of the Scholarship shall be \$10,000 for a candidate who is enrolled full-time for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Optometry-relevant) at any New Zealand University.
3. The Scholarship shall be paid in five instalments of \$2,000 each subject to receipt of 6-month progress reports satisfactory to the NZAO. The time limit for this award is three years from first payment.
4. The Scholarship shall be awarded by NERF on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising two representatives of the NZAO and one representative of the Department of Optometry and Vision Science at The University of Auckland.
5. Selection criteria are: candidate's prior academic performance; scientific merit of the proposed research; and relevance of the research to the practice of Optometry.
6. The Scholarship shall be tenable by any New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand who is of good standing. Weighting will be given to candidates who are vocationally registered to practice in New Zealand as an Optometrist.
7. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with the HC Russell Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship. Otherwise the NZAO Postgraduate Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship or award, unless the conditions of the award preclude its being so held.
8. The Selection Committee may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.
9. The NZAO must be acknowledged in any publication of the research and copies of papers resulting from the research must be provided to the NZAO.
10. NERF has power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the NZAO, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
11. Applications for the Scholarship shall be made to NERF, not later than 20th November in the year preceding the award.

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