

# New Zealand Ecohydraulics Trust Travel Award

## 2020 Application Guidelines

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## Note

Please note this form is to be used **in conjunction with** the following form:

[NZETTA Applicant Form](#)

## Background

The Organising Committee of the 6th International Symposium on Ecohydraulics held in Christchurch during February 2007 ended up with surplus funding of NZ\$22,000. It was agreed that the funds be invested under the auspices of the Royal Society of New Zealand. The funds would then be administered by the Royal Society Te Apārangi under the guidance of three appointed Trustees.

## Objective

The New Zealand Ecohydraulics Trust Travel Award (NZETTA) funds will be allocated by the Trustees following a formal application and review process, in order to provide for a post-graduate student or early career researcher from New Zealand to attend the biennial Ecohydraulics Conference.

## Description

Ecohydraulics is central to many challenges facing river and water resource management around the world. Ecohydraulics links the disciplines of hydraulics with aquatic ecology, water engineering, fluvial geomorphology and biogeochemistry. The International Symposium on Ecohydraulics (ISE) is the premier meeting for scientists and innovative practitioners working across these disciplines focussing on the underpinning science and its application.

## Date and Venue

Details of the 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Ecohydraulics follow:

- **Date:** 23-29 May 2020
- **Location:** Lyon, France
- **Venue:** Lyon Convention Center

Please refer to the organiser's website ISE2020 <https://symposium.inra.fr/ise2020/>

Hervé CAPRA (Chair), Irstea, France.

Nicolas Lamouroux (vice-Chair)

Véronique Gouraung (vice-Chair)

## Value of Award

The value of each award shall be decided by the Selection Committee according to such criteria as it shall publish from time to time. Funding is awarded for the ISE Symposium immediately following application. In any year, funds disbursed shall not exceed the total income of the fund (less expenses) since the last award.

## Number of Award

The number of awards presented in any year shall be determined by the Selection Committee having regard to the income available for the purpose. No award shall be made upon any occasion if the Selection Committee shall be of the opinion that there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be considered eligible for the award, applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a New Zealand resident (proof of status must be included in the application).
- Be undertaking postgraduate study at a recognised New Zealand research institution **OR** be currently working within the New Zealand research/science sector and have been employed for no more than five years (in total) in public or private New Zealand research or academic institutions.
- Due to the late notification of this award, applicants are not required to submit an abstract to the ISE Symposium. However, if an applicant has submitted an abstract, it should be mentioned in the application and will be taken into consideration.
- Former successful applicants may not apply for a second award.

## Selection Criteria

The awards shall be made by the Selection Committee set up for the purpose. The Committee may consult with the universities and others as it sees fit.

The Selection Committee shall use the following criteria to select successful applicants from those eligible applications correctly submitted by the closing date.

Prospective applicants will be assessed on the basis of **THREE** selection criteria, with bracketed percentages providing their relative weights in assessment:

**Criterion One:** Relevance of the work to eco-hydraulics (60%)

**Criterion Two:** Expected personal benefits and reasons for attendance (30%)

**Criterion Three:** Originality of work (10%)

## Māori research and innovation

We encourage research projects that contribute to unlocking the innovation potential of Māori knowledge, resources, and people as outlined in [MBIE's Vision Mātauranga](#) policy framework. The Vision Mātauranga policy aims to unlock the science and innovation potential of Māori knowledge, resources, and people for the benefit of New Zealand, and focuses on four areas:

- Indigenous innovation – contributing to economic growth through distinctive science and innovation
- Taiao/environment – achieving environmental sustainability through iwi and hapū relationships with land and sea
- Hauora/health – improving health and social wellbeing
- Mātauranga – exploring indigenous knowledge and science and innovation.

## Application Process

All applications must be submitted to the Royal Society Te Apārangi.

The required application forms are available at the Society [website](#).

### Application Format

Since the application form is designed for rapid email transmission, please help us by avoiding formatting such as tables, graphs, charts and diagrams wherever they are not essential. In many cases, you may be able to express the idea as plain text.

- Proposals must be typed in English.
- Please follow the instructions provided, keeping to the space requirements.
- Applications must be written in a clear, concise manner with sufficient detail to enable the

- Selection Committee to fully appraise the scope and implications of the application.
- Applications must be **fully self-supporting**. Any additional documentation (including letters of support) that arrives after the closing date and time will not be made available to the Selection Committee.
  - Applications must be submitted either as a Microsoft Word or PDF file **electronically**, digital signatures are accepted.
  - Please note that a mailbox limit of 10MB applies.

### Supporting Material

Each application to the NZETTA shall be accompanied by:

1. Proof of New Zealand Residency status (e.g. copy of passport or birth certificate)
2. A full, itemised account of all estimated travel expenses in the detailed Budget section of the application.
3. A letter of support for your application from your Academic Supervisor, Head of Department or equivalent, as appropriate (see below for details).
4. The name and contact details of a nominated Referee who can be called upon. This individual should be different to that providing your letter of support.
5. A current CV (no more than 2 pages in length).

**Please note:** Digital copies of all the documents above are sufficient to support applications however original documents must be available on request.

### Letter of Support

You must include a letter of support with your application. This is expected to be provided by your Academic Supervisor, Manager, Head of Department or equivalent.

The letter of support should comment on:

- the research work you are proposing to present at ISE, and
- its value to the New Zealand research community.

The letter should also include words to the following effect:

*“[We] confirm that the applicant satisfies the eligibility criteria and the application abides by rules stipulated in the [NZETTA-2020 Applicant Guidelines](#).  
Should this application be successful, [we] undertake to ensure that the support and resources necessary for the proposed research to proceed will be provided.”*

### Closing Dates

Applications and all supporting information must reach the Royal Society Te Apārangi by the closing date of **Thursday 13 February 2020, 5.00 pm (NZST)**.

### Submitting your application

When you are satisfied with your application, save the document for your records, and email the application in a **single compiled document** as a Microsoft Word or PDF file to the attention of the International Contracts Coordinator at [International.Applications@royalsociety.org.nz](mailto:International.Applications@royalsociety.org.nz)

**Only electronic copies will be accepted, no hard copies are required.**

Receipt of all applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive this acknowledgement within 5 working days please contact us.

Information provided by applicants will be administered in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act 1993.

## Notification

- Decisions on which applicants will be supported by the NZETTA are expected to be announced in late February 2020.

## Contact

For all enquiries relating to the application please contact the International Contracts Coordinator at:

Royal Society Te Apārangi

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