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New Zealand Ecohydraulics Trust Travel Award (NZETTA)

2024 Application Guidelines

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Note

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

[NZETTA 2024 Application Form](#)

Background

The 6th International Symposium on Ecohydraulics held in Christchurch in February 2007 ran at a profit. It was agreed that this profit be invested under the auspices of the Royal Society of New Zealand to support the attendance of early career researchers at future Symposia. The funds would be administered by the Royal Society Te Apārangi under the guidance of three 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 an early career researcher (including post-graduate students) in ecohydraulics from New Zealand to attend the biennial International Ecohydraulics and Fish Passage Symposium.

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 and Fish Passage (ISE) is the premier meeting for researchers and innovative practitioners working across these disciplines focussing on the underpinning science and its application.

Date and Venue

Details of the 15th International Symposium on Ecohydraulics follow:

- **Date:** 5-9 May 2024
- **Location:** Quebec City, Canada
- **Venue:** Hôtel le Concorde Québec.

Please refer to the organiser's website [ISE2024](https://ise-fp2024.org/) <https://ise-fp2024.org/> for updates

Invited Speakers

- Steven J. Cooke, Professor in biology and conservation physiology, Carleton University
- Carole-Anne Gillis, Research Director, Gespe'gewa'gi Institute of Natural Understanding (GINU)
- Theodore R. Castro-Santos, Research Ecologist, S.O. Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey
- Marianne Bachand, Ecohydraulic Modeling Project Coordinator, Environment and Climate Change Canada

Organising Committee: Co-chairs – Elsa Goering, Valerie Ouellet and André St-Hilaire

Value of Award

The value of each award shall be decided by the Trustees according to the criteria as summarised below and on the Application Form. In any year, funds disbursed will not normally exceed the total income of the fund (less expenses) since the last award.

Number of Awards

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

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply, the following criteria must be met:

- 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.
- Be able to present a high-quality paper in the field of Ecohydraulics and/or Fish Passage science.
- Have submitted an abstract to the ISE Symposium website by the specified deadline.
- Have not received an NZETTA previously.

Selection Criteria

The awards shall be made by the Trustees. The Trustees may consult with others as it sees fit.

The Trustees shall use the following criteria to select successful applicants:

- How does your research contribute new knowledge to eco-hydraulics and/or fish passage science/engineering in: a) New Zealand, and b) internationally (60%)
- What was your methodology (30%)
- What are the expected personal benefits (10%)

'Personal benefits' include such things as:

- Meeting with overseas experts to arrange future collaborations
- Engaging in additional specialised training
- Arranging visits for colleagues to New Zealand
- Seeking future research funding
- Seeking and developing future Post Doc and/or employment opportunities.

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 changes and where possible avoiding tables, graphs, charts and diagrams in your Abstract. 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 Trustees to fully appraise the scope and implications of the application.
- Applications must be fully self-supporting. Any additional documentation (including letters of support) that arrive after the closing date and time will not be considered in the assessment.

of applications.

- Applications must be submitted either as a Microsoft Word or a PDF file. Digital signatures are acceptable.
- Please note that a mailbox limit of 10MB applies.

Supporting Material

Each application to the NZETTA shall be accompanied by:

- Proof of New Zealand Residency status (e.g. copy of passport or birth certificate or residency certificate)
- A fully itemised account of all estimated travel expenses (see Budget section of the application).
- A letter of support for your application from your Academic Supervisor, Manager, Head of Department or equivalent, as appropriate (see below for details).
- The name and contact details of a nominated Referee who can be called upon if required. This individual should be different to that providing your letter of support.
- 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 and international 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-2024 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."

Statistical Information

The Society encourages applications from all eligible members of the New Zealand research community. To monitor the profile of different groups of applicants and identify funding trends and gaps, the Society would appreciate applicants providing the information requested in this section of the application. The statistical data will be used by the Royal Society Te Apārangi for statistical purposes only. The information you provide in this section will not be sent to panellists for review and is not used for any part of the evaluation process.

[Vision Mātauranga](#) is a policy about innovation, opportunity and the creation of knowledge that highlights the potential contribution of Māori knowledge, resources and people. If you wish to engage further with Vision Mātauranga, you are welcome to integrate this into sections 6-8 of the application. Please identify which, if any, of the four Vision Mātauranga themes can be associated with your project. Tick as many as are appropriate. If none apply, tick N/A.

Closing Dates

ISE Abstract Submission deadline

The ISE Abstract Submissions close on 10 November 2023.

Further information is available on the Symposium website <https://ise-fp2024.org/>

Please be aware that this date is before the deadline to submit your application to the Society.

Royal Society Te Apārangī Application deadline

Applications and all supporting information must reach the Royal Society Te Apārangī by the closing date **Thursday 5pm (NZST), 14th December 2023**.

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

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 NZ Privacy Act 2020.

Notification

- Decisions on which applicants will be supported by the NZETTA are expected to be announced in late February 2024.

Contact

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

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