



Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture – Opportunities and Awards

The Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture (RNZIH) aims to “*Encourage and improve horticulture in New Zealand by promoting the understanding, appreciation, conservation and use of plants.*”

As part of the range of activities we undertake, we would like to highlight two scholarships available to tertiary students and young professionals. These are listed at www.rnzih.org.nz/pages/awards.html and our office email address is office@rnzih.org.nz.

Successful awardees will be expected to provide a report for publication in the RNZIH *New Zealand Garden Journal*.

1. The Memorial Prize Fund

Purpose: “To assist RNZIH members who are bona fide full or part time horticultural students with the costs of attending seminars, conferences or workshops that are being held within New Zealand.”

Eligibility: “Any financial member of the RNZIH who has been a member for a minimum period of one year and who is a registered full or part time horticultural student at an institution in New Zealand.”

For 2019, we are encouraging non-members to apply and will provide a free year of membership to the RNZIH for the successful awardee(s).

Conditions:

1. It is expected that the member would make a contribution towards the cost of attending the seminar/conference/workshop to demonstrate their commitment.
2. The RNZIH will consider applications for up to 75% of the cost of attending, including travel, registration and accommodation.
3. Successful applicants must provide evidence of attending by way of receipts or other papers following the event. Failure to comply with this condition the applicant shall be liable to refund all award moneys to the RNZIH.
4. The National Executive of the RNZIH reserves the right not to make an award if in its opinion the application is not of sufficient merit, or for any other reason National Executive may decide from time to time.

Applications: Applications should be submitted at least **two months** prior to the conference, seminar or workshop.

2. The Peter Skellerup Plant Conservation Scholarship

Purpose: “To assist with the conservation of the exotic and indigenous plant resource in New Zealand.”

Objective: The Scholarship will be granted for research field work, publication, propagation, protection and/or cultivation of plants, production of educational resources, and

any other activity likely to promote and assist the conservation of New Zealand's indigenous and exotic plant genetic resources.

The main criterion shall be the value of the work in conserving a plant or group of plants, especially those that are threatened. Plants include trees.

Eligibility: Applicants must be New Zealand residents or citizens. The Scholarship may involve travel and/or study outside New Zealand. However, the work must be of benefit to the plant genetic resource **within** New Zealand.

Applications: Applications must be typed on the appropriate form obtained from the Institute and lodged with the RNZIH no later than 31 March. A synopsis of the proposed project must carry a statement of support by an acknowledged authority on the topic. Late applications will not be accepted.