



Coastal Restoration Trust of New Zealand Post-graduate Scholarship

Provider

The Coastal Restoration Trust of New Zealand (“the Trust”)

Value

\$2,000

Tenure of scholarship

One year

Closing date for application

14 February 2025

Number of scholarships offered

One, although the Trust reserve the right to award additional scholarships, at their discretion.

Purpose of the Scholarship

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funds to assist with an individual's post-graduate level research to improve knowledge in the field of coastal restoration. This scholarship is funded by and administered by the Coastal Restoration Trust of New Zealand.

The Coastal Restoration Trust

The Trust works with community groups, iwi, councils & government departments, research agencies, industry and educational institutions to share information and carry out projects that support and improve the restoration of coastal environments around New Zealand.

The Trust’s aim is to support and encourage the development of cost effective, practical methods for coastal communities and management agencies to restore natural coastal ecosystem form and function.

Eligibility and Conditions

The scholarship is restricted to students enrolled at a NZ University or other tertiary training provider who are studying a discipline related to coastal restoration.

Evidence of employment and/or of registration with a recognised university or other tertiary training provider is required. Where the applicant is currently in employment, preference will be

given to applicants who have their employer's approval for the research.

A written report on the research is to be submitted to the Coastal Restoration Trust Research Committee within six months of the work being completed. Where the scholarship contributes to long-term work, annual progress reports are to be submitted.

The recipient may be asked to make a short presentation on the research at the Trust's annual conference depending on additional funding availability. This will be negotiated at the time with each scholarship recipient.

The Trust may withhold payment until the presentation of final confirmation that the study or research project is to proceed. A letter of intent to make the payment will be issued on the successful granting of the scholarship.

Where a successful applicant's course of study spans multiple years, the applicant will not be eligible to reapply for this scholarship for the same research topic.

Applications

All applications shall be made on the application form and emailed to the Coastal Restoration Trust Administrator (info@coastalrestorationtrust.org.nz). Extra pages may be included, but ensure all parts of the form are filled out.

The applications shall be accompanied by:

- (a) The names and contact details of two referees;
- (b) A statement explaining the relevance of the candidate's current/proposed study;
- (c) Any other evidence that the candidate judges relevant to the application.

Assessment criteria

In making the decision on the scholarship recipient the Research Committee will take into consideration:

- The value of the current/proposed research to furthering coastal restoration in New Zealand
- The practical relevance of the current/proposed research to the aims of the Coastal Restoration Trust of New Zealand
- The overall quality of the individual's application
- The personal qualities of the applicant
- Referees' comments

A member of the Research Committee may contact the applicant for additional information.

Decision making process

All applications will first be assessed by the Coastal Restoration Trust Research Committee. The Research Committee will submit their preferred candidate to the Trustees for a final decision. A final decision on the scholarship will be made within four weeks of the closing date for applications.

Monitoring and reporting

The scholarship recipient will be allocated a Coastal Restoration Trust contact person for any queries. It will be this person's responsibility to follow up on the reporting and presentation requirements of the scholarship. The reporting requirements are based on three progress reports per year of the scholarship, the dates of which will be negotiated with each individual recipient and set out in their student contract.

Payment and notification

Once the scholarship recipient has been decided the scholarship will be given to the student based on their reporting requirements being met. A letter of congratulations and intent to pay the scholarship will be provided to the recipient(s) by the Coastal Restoration Trust of New Zealand within four weeks of the closing date. Payment arrangements will be negotiated with each individual recipient and set out in their student contract.

Research Completion Requirements

In the event that the recipient is unable to complete the research project, the recipient must:

- a. Notify the Coastal Restoration Trust in writing as soon as reasonably practicable;
- b. Provide a detailed explanation of the reasons for non-completion;
- c. At the discretion of the Coastal Restoration Trust, either repay the full amount of the scholarship or return all unspent funds provided under the scholarship.

Further information

For more information contact the Coastal Restoration Trust at info@coastalrestorationtrust.org.nz