



David Given Threatened Plant Scholarship

To fund research into the biosystematics and conservation management, protection and recovery of New Zealand's threatened plant and fungi species¹ and their communities.

Objective

The scholarship will be granted for research that assists the protection and recovery of New Zealand's threatened plant species and communities.

Eligibility and conditions

Applicants must be New Zealand residents or citizens but the work could involve overseas researchers who collaborate with the principal researcher.

Threatened species and communities can be either nationally or regionally threatened.

Plant species include vascular plants, ferns, cryptogams. Fungi are also covered by this scholarship.

Application

Please address the following areas in any written application for the scholarship.

Issue: Outline the issue to be investigated and why it is important to study this.

Research methods: Outline the approach you intend to take.

Impact: How will your research contribute to the better conservation of the threatened species or community?

Uptake: How will your research be used by your or other organisations?

Researchers: Outline the skills the researchers involved in the project have to ensure it can be successfully completed? Include current CVs of applicants.

Funding: Do you have other funding that is contributing to this project?

Budget: Outline the main items in your budget including equipment, laboratory and field expenses, and personnel.

Risks: Are there any factors that you consider could limit the success of your proposal? How will you mitigate these?

Referees: List 2 referees who can be consulted for their opinion on the proposed research

Scholarship rules

1. One scholarship shall be awarded every 2 years and provide up to \$5000 towards the cost of the research project
2. The scholarship is to be awarded by a selection committee, which shall comprise
 - a. The President of the NZ Plant Conservation Network (NZPCN)
 - b. One other member of the NZPCN Council
 - c. An independent person appointed by the NZPCN Council
3. The selection committee may refrain from making an award if, in their opinion, there is no applicant of sufficient merit
4. There are no application forms for this scholarship. Written applications addressing each of the above subject areas should be sent to the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network, Box 16 102, Wellington (info@nzpcn.co.nz) and marked "David Given Scholarship".
5. Referee forms (see below) should be sent to the two nominated referees for completion and posting or email to the Network.
6. Applications close 30 September 2011.

1. "Species" is used here collectively to encompass all named ranks (species, subspecies, variety and forma) and also includes those entities believed to be threatened and as yet without formal rank.

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Referee form

The applicant must send this form electronically to each of two referees nominated in the scholarship application. These referees should be familiar with the applicant's recent work.

The referee is requested to complete (continue on a separate sheet if necessary), print and sign this form and send to: New Zealand Plant Conservation Network, PO Box 16-102, Wellington. E: info@nzpcn.org.nz

Applicant: Family name: First name:

Referee: Name: Position/Title:

Address:

Phone: E-mail:

1. How long have you known the applicant: Years Months

2. Describe briefly the extent of your knowledge of the applicant's work including publications/papers/other relevant research:

3. Please rate the applicant's performance in the areas named below by placing a tick in the appropriate box using your knowledge of the applicant.

	No opportunity to observe	Below average	Average	Above average	Very good	Excellent
Knowledge of own discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to express ideas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Command of research techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critical and/or analytical ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative and motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Perseverance in pursuing aims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teaching or tutoring ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Please rate the applicant's aptitude for research (please circle) High Moderate/High Moderate Low

Please comment on reasons for gradings in Section 3, and other matters relevant to the applicant including academic integrity:

Signature of referee: Date:

Reports relating to this scholarship application must reach the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network on or before 30 September 2011.