

June Opie Fellowship

Code:	84
Faculty:	All
Applicable study:	Students with a disability undertaking postgraduate study
Closing date:	31 October
Tenure:	The Fellowship is for one year.
For:	Assistance
Number on offer:	One Fellowship per annum
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	The value of the award is expected to be about \$NZ 12,000 but will vary at the discretion of the panel.

Description

The award, available to citizens and permanent residents of Australia, Canada and New Zealand, is designed as an incentive for students of high academic achievement who have a severe disability. It is intended for those who plan to undertake postgraduate study with a view to preparing themselves for a role in the professions, in politics, or more particularly, in university teaching and research and who have disability issues as a continuing interest. The award is made to enable the recipient to secure such assistance, by travel, by the preparation of computer software, or by other means as will facilitate effective study and preparation for the future. This is the first Fellowship of its kind in the world and its principal purpose is the pursuit of excellence. New Zealand, Australia and Canada were selected as the countries on which to focus initially in search of recipients.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Award shall be known as the June Opie Fellowship.
2. The Fellowship which is for one year will be administered through The University of Auckland.
3. Only one Fellowship is to be awarded per annum unless the awarding panel decides to offer one or more of less than the normal maximum value; or, no suitable candidates having been found in any one year, it becomes possible to make an additional award in a subsequent year.
4. The awarding panel will be composed of the Vice-Chancellor of The University of Auckland or nominee; the Vice-Chancellor of the University of New South Wales or nominee who may be from any Australian university; and the President of the Simon Fraser University or nominee who may be from any Canadian university.
5. The value of the award which is expected to be about NZD\$12,000 will vary at the discretion of the panel. With the panel's approval it may be held together with another award, provided that the rules of the latter so permit.

6. The panel will examine the applications and select the scholars from the candidates after such consultation among themselves, by mail or otherwise, and seeking such advice as is appropriate.
7. The panel shall have power to establish its procedures and to make a decision on a majority vote. It is not necessary for the panel to meet in order to conduct its business.
8. The University of Auckland may widen the criteria for the award if, after due endeavour, it considers this necessary in order to effect the overall objectives and shall give due consideration to any recommendations of the panel.
9. It is important that the candidates have a knowledge of what has been and is happening in this field and the centres where it is happening. They must have a vision of the future that is of principal importance in considering disability issues. Recipients of the award will be expected to participate verbally or in writing, or both, in the discussion of disability issues; write or work with writers of computer software programmes and make a contribution to the advancement of people with disabilities.
10. While the award is not confined to any specific programme, subject or course of study, the recipient will be expected while holding the award to engage in research or other activity that will further the advance of ideas and technology of benefit to all people of whatever disability. A report on the work done should be made available to all three university faculties involved.
11. The University of Auckland will administer and invest the Trust Fund. The donor states that only income may be applied towards an award. The net income not used for an award in any one year may be accumulated and used towards an award in a following year. The University may capitalise the income at its discretion but only after prior discussion with the panel.
12. The donor wishes that a Fellow be an adviser to the panel for the period of twelve months following the end of the Fellowship. The donor expects the Fellow to supply written material to the panel on work done under the award and to make recommendations to the panel as to how the Fellowship can be more effectively administered. The donor desires that the Fellow contributes "enthusiasm, drive, and creative ideas" to benefit the thinking and planning of the panel.