

SHIRTCLIFFE FELLOWSHIP

These fellowships arise from a gift of \$40,000 made to the University of New Zealand in 1935 by Sir George Shirtcliffe, of Wellington.

Purpose

The purpose of the Shirtcliffe Fellowships is to assist students of outstanding ability and character who are graduates of a university in New Zealand, in the continuation of their studies in New Zealand or the Commonwealth.

Eligibility

The fellowships shall be open to persons of either sex who are New Zealand citizens who are ordinarily resident in New Zealand and who:

- (a) are candidates for a doctoral scholarship awarded by a New Zealand university; and
- (b) whose degree is awarded in any faculty or school which, if that degree had been available in 1935, would in the opinion of the NZVCC be expected to have been awarded following a course of study in one or other of the Faculties of Arts, Science, Law, Commerce or Agriculture.

Number and Value

The fellowships shall be offered every year and shall be of such annual amount and of such number as the NZVCC shall from time to time decide having regard to the income available for the purpose.

NOTE: The Fellowship is currently awarded to one scholar per year at a value of \$5,000 per annum for up to three years.

Selection

The NZVCC shall provide the Selection Committee with a copy of each candidate's application and with a copy of the reports of the Academic Board of the respective universities. Every such Board shall indicate for the information of the Selection Committee those candidates who in its opinion are of such outstanding ability and character as to be worthy of holding the fellowship, and shall also report generally upon the personality and general suitability of the candidates. The Selection Committee may at any time or times call for further evidence or information in support of any application.

The Selection Committee may choose to summon to a personal interview such of the candidates as it finds desirable to see.

The Selection Committee shall recommend for the award of fellowships such candidates as, in its opinion, are most likely by receiving benefit from further study or carrying out research work to be rendered able to give valuable services to New Zealand or the Commonwealth.

Provided that no recommendation shall be made upon any occasion if the Selection Committee shall be of the opinion that there is no candidate of sufficient merit offering for the fellowship.

The Selection Committee shall, in the selection of candidates, give such preference as it may think fit to candidates who would otherwise by reason of their financial circumstances be unable to continue their studies or be seriously handicapped in doing so.

The selection committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Award

The fellowships shall be awarded by the NZVCC on the recommendation of the Selection Committee to persons who at the time of the award are ordinarily resident in New Zealand and who have been awarded funding for study at any university, university college or institution approved by the NZVCC in New Zealand or the Commonwealth.

Tenure

Every Shirtcliffe Fellowship shall be tenable for such period not exceeding three years.

Payments

Payments of the fellowship's emoluments shall be made at such times and in such instalments as shall be determined from time to time by the NZVCC.

Applications

Every person who wishes to be considered for the award of a Shirtcliffe Fellowship shall make application on the form provided by the University Scholarships Officer or NZVCC. Every application shall be sent to the Scholarships Office of the university at which the applicant is enrolled or has graduated from in the last 5 years, no later than 1 March in the year the candidate will be taking up the award. Each application shall be accompanied by:

- (a) A statement of the candidate's proposed programme of research or advanced study, and indicating the university or other institution in which it is proposed to undertake the said programme;
- (b) The names of two persons from whom character references have been requested;
- (c) Such other information as the Selection Committee may from time to time require.*

*The Selection Committee requires every candidate to supply a statement giving an outline of non-academic activities during the period of university study.

A statement giving details of their financial circumstances shall be supplied by any candidate who wishes the Selection Committee to give them preference in respect of the award of a fellowship because they would otherwise by reason of their financial circumstances be unable to continue their studies or be severely handicapped in doing so.

Thesis

Every fellow shall supply to the NZVCC at least one copy of any thesis or other record of the programme of research or advanced study undertaken under the fellowship; and the NZVCC may, with the approval of the Selection Committee, pay the cost of publishing any such thesis or other record if in the opinion of the NZVCC such publication is likely to be of benefit to New Zealand or the Commonwealth.

Membership Selection Committee

The Selection Committee shall comprise:

- (a) The Governor-General of New Zealand for the time being or in his/her absence from New Zealand the Administrator of the Government, provided that the Governor-General or the Administrator of the Government may appoint any person to represent him/her as a member of the Selection Committee at any specified meeting;
- (b) The Chief Justice of New Zealand for the time being, provided that the Chief Justice may appoint any other Judge of the High Court to represent him/her as a member of the Selection Committee at any specified meeting;
- (c) The Anglican Bishop of Wellington for the time being, provided that s/he may appoint any person to represent him/her as a member of the Selection Committee at any specified meeting;
- (d) One person appointed by the NZVCC;
- (e) One person appointed by The Royal Society.

The Selection Committee may also, if it thinks fit, appoint one other person to act as a member of the Selection Committee for such period as it may in such case decide.

The members of the Selection Committee appointed under paragraph (d) and paragraph (e) shall be appointed for such term as the NZVCC and The Royal Society shall from time to time decide. Any casual vacancy occurring in respect of any member of the Selection Committee so appointed shall be filled by the NZVCC or The Royal Society as the case may be.