

New Zealand Sexual Health Society (NZSHS) Research Scholarship

A scholarship to support domestic students enrolled in a postgraduate programme undertaking a research project related to sexual health at a New Zealand University.

About the scholarship

Application status:	Must be submitted using this form
Applicable study:	Postgraduate research-based degree (Honours or Masters)
Opening date:	1 Sept
Closing date:	1 Dec
Tenure:	Up to 12 months (pro rata for part-time)
For:	Domestic students
Number on offer:	1 or 2, up to a maximum value of \$10,000
Offer rate:	Annually
Value:	\$5,000 (Honours) or \$10,000 (Masters)

Purpose of the scholarship

The main purpose of the NZSHS Research Scholarship is to encourage and support academically excellent students to complete a research project on a sexual health related topic. The overall aims are to:

- encourage and disseminate research on priority sexual health issues in Aotearoa
- foster postgraduate sexual health research capacity in Aotearoa
- provide a potential pathway to PhD study and build the sexual health research workforce
- further the interests of the NZSHS.

Selection

- Selection will be based on academic merit and the quality of the research proposal.
- The Scholarship will be awarded by the NZSHS President on recommendations received from the NZSHS research subcommittee.

Regulations

- The Scholarship shall be known as the NZSHS Research Scholarship.
- The NZSHS Research Scholarship provides a tax-free stipend of up to \$10,000 per annum, for up to 12 months for students enrolled in a postgraduate (Honours or Masters) degree.
- Up to two Scholarships will be awarded annually. Students will be considered for the award of a NZSHS Research Scholarship on proof of admission into the postgraduate programme.
- Tenure: Up to 12 months (pro-rata'd for part-time students). For: Domestic students.
Number on offer: Up to two per annum. Value: Up to a maximum of \$10,000 per annum, the intention being to fund one full-time Master's thesis (valued at \$10,000 each) or two full-time Honours dissertation students (valued at \$5000 each).

- The Scholarship will be awarded by the NZSHS President on recommendations received from the NZSHS research subcommittee.
- Awarding will be based on academic merit, measured by the grade point average (GPA) obtained in the applicant's most recent qualifying programme for study. Awardees should typically have a GPA of at least 7.00.
- The quality of the applicant's research proposal will also be taken into consideration.
- Applicants must complete the attached form outlining: the proposed title; host institution; supervisory team; a brief proposal including the proposed topic, population studied, responsiveness to priority populations and equity including the Aotearoa Statement, proposed methods; potential significance of the research; and other funding and support received.
- The amount of additional and paid work a Scholar may undertake either inside or outside the University shall not exceed a total of 500 hours per scholarship year.
- A NZSHS Research Scholarship can be held concurrently with another scholarship.
- A recipient shall provide a copy of the final research thesis, dissertation or project to the NZSHS upon completion.
- It is an expectation that recipients proffer their research to the NZSHS annual conference in the year of or following their study. Submissions must note that they are a recipient of a NZSHS Research Scholarship. If accepted for presentation, recipients can apply for a NZSHS Conference Scholarship to subsidise attendance and will be given favourable consideration.

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New Zealand Sexual Health Society Research Scholarship Application Form

Instructions: Complete this form and email it to info@nzshs.org by 15 December with supporting evidence (GPA and academic transcript).

Full name:	
Email:	
Contact no.:	
Ethnicity:	
Membership of priority population?: ¹	(Optional, specify)
Degrees awarded to date:	
Degree studying towards:	☐ Honours ☐ Masters
Full/part-time:	☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time
Start date: (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Proposed research title:	
Host institution:	
Academic Supervisors:	
Topic:	
Population of interest:	
Proposed Methods:	
	(50 words max)
Responsiveness to priority populations:	
	(50 words max)
Responsiveness to Aotearoa Statement ¹ :	
	(50 words max)

Potential significance of the research:	(50 words max)
Other funding or support received:	
Date submitted:	
<i>Note: by submitting this form you declare that you satisfy the scholarship eligibility criteria.</i>	

¹ <https://www.nzshs.org/events/the-aotearoa-statement>