



# New Zealand Geographical Society President's Awards

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Through its President's Awards, the New Zealand Geographical Society acknowledges exceptional contributions by Aotearoa / New Zealand based geographers in a variety of professional and community domains, including academic, school, applied and policy.

## Categories of Award

- Best Master's thesis in Geography,
- Best Doctoral thesis in Geography,
- Emerging Researcher in Geography (in all educational settings),
- Collaborative Research involving Geographers (in all educational settings),
- Graduate Research Supervision in Geography,
- Teaching in Geography (in all educational settings)

## Procedures

- An Awards Panel, a Sub-Committee of the NZGS Executive, will have power to co-opt and comprise the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Chair of the Board of Geography Teachers.
- A maximum number of awards is normally set for each category in a given year.
- The annual call for nominations, by the National Secretary of the NZGS, will usually be in March, with submission by mid-April, or as announced.
- The call for nominations will be addressed to organisations employing geographers in New Zealand (e.g. university departments, secondary schools, government departments, Crown Research Institutes, community groups, and consultancies).
- The nomination file should be emailed to the National Secretary by the due date.
- Nominations should contain the signature of the nominator.
- Announcement of Presidential Awards will be at the Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM), in the *New Zealand Geographer*, on the NZGS website <http://www.nzgs.co.nz/>, the *New Zealand Royal Society Alert*, and through a Press Release.
- Presentation of President Award Certificates will be at the Society's AGM, at a NZGS conference, or at a Branch functions, as appropriate.
- Certificate to be signed by NZGS President and Secretary.

## Awards Categories and Procedures

### **Best Master's Thesis in Geography**

This award is open to Master's degree students in New Zealand universities and will recognise the best contribution to geographic knowledge in a Master's thesis.

Two awards can be granted each year.

An academic unit can nominate one or two theses.

Nominations will only be accepted for theses where the result was confirmed in the preceding calendar year (i.e. nominations in 2012 should be for theses completed in 2011).

Submission in electronic form is preferred (e-mail to National Secretary).

#### Each nomination shall contain:

- Nominator to draft a 500 word (maximum) statement that identifies the nature of the geographic contribution.
- The nomination should be supported and counter-signed by the Head of Unit.
- Abstract, table of contents of the thesis and a copy of the concluding chapter.

### **Best Doctoral Thesis in Geography**

This award is open to doctoral students in New Zealand universities and will recognise the best contribution to geographic knowledge in the form of a doctoral thesis.

Up to two awards can be granted each year.

Academic units can nominate up to two theses.

Nominated theses should be those where the result was confirmed before closing date of nomination (i.e. nominations in 2012 should be those theses completed in 2011 or by March 2012).

Where possible the nomination material should be submitted in electronic form as an attachment to an e-mail message sent to National Secretary.

#### The nomination should include:

- Nominator to provide and sign a 500 word (maximum) statement, highlighting the nature of the geographic contribution.
- The nomination should be supported and signed by the Head of Unit.
- Abstract, table of contents of the thesis and a copy of the concluding chapter.

### **Emerging Researcher in Geography (in all educational settings)**

This award is open to any geographic researcher, who has shown excellence in geographical research within five years of the PhD being awarded, and who is currently working in New Zealand. The nomination package, particularly team publication details and CV, should be submitted in electronic form (e-mail to National Secretary).

#### The nomination shall contain:

- Three best publications, preferably in an electronic form
- Curriculum Vitae
- 500 word (maximum) statement from nominee, highlighting the researcher's geographic contribution.
- 200 word (maximum) supporting statement signed by nominator.

### **Collaborative Research involving Geographers (in all educational settings)**

This award is open to a geographic researcher, or researchers, who has/have contributed through New Zealand based team research projects over a number of years. The nomination material, particularly output details, should be submitted in electronic form (e-mail to National Secretary).

#### The nomination shall contain:

- Relevant outputs from the individual researcher or team of researchers.
- Curriculum Vitae
- 500 word (maximum) statement from nominee(s) on the geographic contributions made possible through the collaboration.
- 200 word (maximum) supporting statement from nominator.

### **Graduate Research Supervision in Geography**

This award is open to dissertation and thesis supervisors who over a period of up to five years have demonstrated the impacts of their supervision. The nomination material should be submitted in electronic form as an attachment to an email message sent to National Secretary.

#### Nomination Submission package shall contain:

- Profile of supervision
- 500 word (maximum) statement from nominee on such contributions as: supervision that enabled students to reach their full potential, supervision developing a distinctive contribution to geographic research or cross-disciplinary research involving geography.
- 200 word (maximum) supporting statement from nominator

### **Teaching in Geography (in all educational settings)**

This award is open to teachers in any setting who over a period of five years have demonstrated the impact of their teaching in geography and allied disciplines. The nomination material should be submitted in electronic form as an attachment to an e-mail message sent to National Secretary.

#### Nomination Submission package shall contain:

- Profile of teaching.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- 500 word (maximum) statement from nominee on relevant contributions such as: curriculum development, learning outcomes, effective communication of geographic ideas.
- 200 word (maximum) supporting statement from nominator.