

New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists Scholarship

Category: Open to all subject areas

Applicable study: Postgraduate Diploma, Bachelors Honours and Masters projects

Closing date: 31st March in the year of the award.

Value of Award: NZD \$1,500

Tenure: 1 year

REGULATIONS

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists Scholarship. One Scholarship shall be awarded for one year and shall be of the value of \$1,500 per annum.
2. The Scholarship shall be available to all full and part-time postgraduate students who are enrolled at New Zealand tertiary institutes and have paid their fees or have arranged to pay their fees.
3. The Scholarship is available to those undertaking a research project in any subject.
4. The Scholarship is intended for semi-independent postgraduate projects, and not for passive learning programmes such as lectures and exams.
5. PhD candidates are not eligible to apply for the Scholarship.
6. The basis of selection shall include: merit of the applicant's research proposal, communication skills, academic merit, financial hardship.
7. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists (the Association) on the recommendation of a Scholarship Committee comprising one science specialist, one arts or humanities specialist and two representatives of the Association.
8. The Scholarship is tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award unless the regulations for that scholarship, bursary or award preclude co-tenure.

BACKGROUND

The Scholarship was established in 2005. From 1999-2005, a similar scholarship was offered to students attending the University of Auckland.

The main purpose of the New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists is to serve New Zealand's non-religious community.

Rationalism asserts that truth should be determined by reason and factual analysis, rather than faith, dogma or authority. Modern rationalists embrace science as a means by which to acquire knowledge.

Humanism uses the philosophy of Rationalism to construct a socio-political system of values that includes all of humanity. Humanism rejects cultural, traditional, or religious grounds for moral codes.

CONDITIONS

1. Application shall be made in writing to the New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists before 5:00pm 31st March in the year of the award.

By letter: Scholarship Committee
NZ Association of Rationalists & Humanists
Rationalist House
64 Symonds Street
Auckland.

By email: heathen@nzarh.org.nz

2. Applicants must include: the Application form, a letter of application outlining the reason they wish to apply for the scholarship, their research proposal and their official academic record transcript. Please note that grade point averages (GPA's) are not required.
3. Applicants may include evidence of financial hardship if they wish.
4. The Scholarship Committee assesses the applications during the month of April in the year of the award.
5. The Scholarship is awarded by the Association on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.
6. Successful candidates will be notified in writing on the last working day of April in the year of the award.
7. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified by the end the second working week of May in the year of the award.
8. The award money will be transferred to the successful candidates bank account after the Association receives confirmation of enrolment (copy of receipt for fees) at the nominated Tertiary Institution.
9. If, for any reason, the successful candidate cannot or does not wish to accept the award, they must notify the Association within 4 days of receiving notification.
10. The New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists undertakes to store all applications in a secure place and to disclose the information contained in the application form only to those persons involved in the selection of candidates.
11. The New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists may hold documents relating to successful applicants indefinitely for historical purposes.
12. Documents for unsuccessful applicants will normally be kept for 1 month after the award has been made and then destroyed.
13. Unsuccessful candidates may request that their materials, other than information supplied by a third party be returned to them, rather than be destroyed. The request must be made before 31 May of the year of the award.
14. Unsuccessful candidates are not precluded from applying again in the following year.
15. Consistent with the provisions of the Privacy Act, applicants have the right of access to information held about them.
16. Applicants also have the right to request the correction of information held about them.
17. Information about an applicant from other parties, e.g. that which is supplied by a referee or other person on a confidential basis, will not be made available to the applicant.
18. In order to honour successful applicants the New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists will disclose information (typically the award, name and field of study) about

successful applicants to members of the Association, the media, and other New Zealand Tertiary Education Institutes.

19. The Association does not make provision for candidates who wish to apply for and receive the scholarship in an anonymous fashion.
20. Upon completion of their project, successful candidates will be required to present the results of their research as a written paper to be published in the New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists journal or make a presentation at the Association Annual Conference, Annual Dinner or at a monthly members meeting.
21. The Association shall have the power to withdraw a Scholarship if, in respect of any New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists Scholar, it receives an unsatisfactory report from the Scholar's Head of Department.

APPLICATION FORM: New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists Scholarship

1. If your application is successful, by signing this form you have authorised your Tertiary Institute to release limited details to the parties mentioned in the Conditions.
2. Applicants must have read the Regulations and Conditions for this award before signing this declaration. The signed declaration is the applicant's acknowledgement that they understand and agree to be bound by the conditions under which the award is made.

1. Academic details

Student ID
Tertiary Institution
Department
Degree

2. Personal details

Surname
First names
Postal address
Email address
Contact phone
Date of birth

3. Bank details

Account in name of
Bank
Bank account number

DECLARATION

I, (full name) _____
agree to the Conditions with respect to my application for the New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists scholarship.

I authorise the New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists staff to verify any details provided in my application.

I authorise my Tertiary Institute _____
to disclose to the New Zealand Association of Rationalists and Humanists such details about my academic progress, and any further details required to confirm that, during the period in which I receive any award, I continue make satisfactory progress and satisfy the terms and conditions for the award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____