

Queen Elizabeth II TECHNICIANS' STUDY AWARDS for 2020/2021 (second round)

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

A second round of applications is now under way and closes 11 December 2020.

The developing situation surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic may impact your Award dates. We will be keeping this area of the website updated as we assess the situation.

Introduction

Following the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to New Zealand in 1970, the Queen Elizabeth the Second Technicians Study Award Act 1970 (the Act) was enacted. This Act established the Queen Elizabeth the Second Technicians Study Award (the Award) to encourage and promote the pursuance of full-time study by technicians so that all people of New Zealand may benefit.

Award recipients can undertake full-time study at a university, college, technological institute, or other institution providing higher education or advanced technical education, in New Zealand or any other country of the Commonwealth. Disciplines can include engineering, science, building, quantity surveying, commerce, management, design, agriculture, dairy technology, forestry, mining, technologies associated with tourism, or any other discipline.

A Selection Committee (the Committee), comprising representatives of the New Zealand Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics, the New Zealand Vice Chancellors' Committee, the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and Ministry for Primary Industries, assesses all applications and provides final recommendations to the Minister of Tertiary Education.

Timetable

Applications for the 2020/2021 Awards to be taken up before 30 June 2021 must be postmarked or emailed no later than **11 December 2020**. These awards are made subject to the final approval by the Minister of Education. If an applicant is successful, their award may be held open until the end of the following calendar year. The Committee may also consider exceptions to this for periods of up to two years.

Amount of Individual Awards

The amount awarded may vary depending on the duration of the course of study or training programme and its location as well as other factors.

What is a Technician?

For the purposes of these awards, technicians are defined broadly as trained persons who are qualified and recognised as technicians/technologists in their discipline and who have worked in their field for at least three years. Technicians may include tradespeople.

Technicians can be employed in many areas, for example:

- agricultural research and technology
- health sciences including nursing
- science (including chemistry, physics, biology and the various branches of agricultural sciences)
- engineering (including civil, chemical, metallurgical, mechanical, automotive, aeronautical, electrical, electronic and other)
- building and construction
- architectural technology
- computer design and graphics
- surveying, town planning and environmental services
- fishing and marine biology
- child health, special education
- police work , and
- the arts (including print making, film production and photography).

Note that the definition of ‘technician’ is very broad. Prospective applicants should not be deterred from applying because their work is not specifically covered above.

What part does the Committee play?

The Committee will assess applications and make award recommendations to the Minister of Education. In considering applications, the Committee will take into account study costs, including tuition fees, books, materials, other fees, and travel and living costs. A major expense for overseas study is travel and the Act permits the Committee to contribute to this.

Study and Experience

The award may only be granted for full-time study in a Commonwealth country including New Zealand.

Awards are not normally made to persons who are currently full-time students. It is expected that applicants will have had a significant period of relevant work experience since completing their existing qualifications.

Types of Training Supported

Refer to Appendix A for a list of recent awards made and descriptions of study undertaken. The Committee will not support proposals that involve solely the attendance at a conference.

"Partnership" Approach

The Committee considers that it is in partnership with an award recipient and the recipient's employer in facilitating a course of study or training opportunity that might not otherwise be available.

As the knowledge and training becomes part of a recipient's personal skills set, the Committee expects that a recipient will contribute towards the cost of their study.

Employers also benefit from the knowledge and training and the Committee expects that they will support the award in some way. Most employers recognise the need to support career development of their staff. While policies on supporting staff on full pay while on study leave vary from organisation to organisation, the Committee usually looks for this type of support from employers whether on full, or a reduced level of pay.

Applicants can submit proposals without first gaining a guarantee of financial support from their employer. The Committee has found that a conditional offer of finance from the QEII Technicians' Study Awards often assists with gaining the financial support from an employer.

Reporting

Award recipients will be required to submit to The Administrator of the QEII Technicians' Study Awards a short report on the completion of their award, outlining the training and the benefits they have received.

This document is to be available for release to the media and for publication. (see declaration)

Preference

Preference will be given to applicants:

- wishing to study outside New Zealand because comparable courses are not available here; and
- who are New Zealand citizens or permanent resident visa holders under the Immigration Act 2009 and currently hold an appropriate initial qualification in their area of work; and
- whose knowledge and training will be available to the wider group of individuals involved in the applicant's area of work and so enable New Zealand as a whole to benefit, rather than a particular organisation or the individual alone.

Applying

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Applications for the second round of the 2020/2021 awards must be postmarked no later than **11 December 2020** or received as an email attachment by that date. The Committee will meet once the referee reports have been received. Recipients of the second round of the 2020/2021 awards will be announced by the Minister for Education early in 2021.

The Queen Elizabeth II Technicians' Study Awards are managed under contract to the Ministry of Education. Address all correspondence including requests for further information, application forms and the completed application form to:

**The Administrator
QEII Technicians' Study Awards
773 Moonshine Road
R D 1, PORIRUA, 5381**

Phone: (04) 528 0808

Email: aj@hutson.net.nz (*forms available as an email attachment*)

Website: www.teachnz.govt.nz/qe2techawards

Please note that application forms attached in an email to the Administrator are acceptable, or post your application.

Applications must be postmarked or received by email no later than Friday 11 December 2020.

APPENDIX A

Recent Awards supported by the QEII Award (see examples of recent reports on line and the award listing for last year.)

Description of Study	Country
training in microbial functioning in lake sediments	Canada
train in photogrammetry for drone operators	UK
undertake interviews about training students in the automotive industry	New Zealand
study wildlife monitoring techniques and data management	Canada
complete MSc in forensic explosives	UK
refining methodologies in penguin research	Australia
study periphyton identification	UK
undertake comparative studies on estuary and coastal waters	Australia
study aquatic animal nutrition	Scotland
study bio-herbicide formulation and techniques	UK
study science leadership	UK
train in the calibration of ocean monitoring apparatus	Bermuda
complete the NZ Diploma in Field Hydrology	NZ
undertake comparative studies on estuary and coastal waters	Australia
training in design and management of environmental software	Canada
study and compare bio-control agents	UK
study dairy cattle resting behaviour	UK
study molecular cytogenetics	UK
study advanced cereal breeding techniques	Canada
training in ice diving for Antarctica underwater research	Canada
train in DNA-based approaches to species identification and discovery	Canada
study luminescence techniques for geological dating	UK
study recombinant DNA technology	Australia
study small scale hydro-electric systems	Wales
study bovine interferon gamma diagnostics	Ireland
training in the analysis of rumen samples using metatranscriptomics	Canada
study metabolomic analysis	Australia
training in isotope ratio mass spectrometry	UK
study gastro-intestinal in vitro assay methodologies	Australia
undertake training in monitoring fungicide resistance in wheat pathogens	UK
training in fossil collection techniques	Canada
study multiplex assay of animal species	Australia
study marine mammal observation	Australia