

Queen Elizabeth II TECHNICIANS' STUDY AWARDS For 2025

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Introduction

Following the visit of Her late 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 Panel comprising representatives of the New Zealand Polytechnic sector, 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 2025 round must be postmarked or emailed no later than **Monday 2 September 2024**. *Note that the closing date is one month earlier than the closing date for last year's round.* These awards are made subject to the final approval by the Minister of Tertiary Education. If an applicant is successful, their award is to be taken up in 2025. The Selection Panel may also consider exceptions to this for periods of up to two years.

Amount of Individual Awards

The amount provided as a cash grant 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. Give your job title, and if necessary provide a clear description of your duties.

Technicians can be employed in many areas, for example:

- agricultural research and technology
- health sciences
- 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.

Prospective applicants should not be deterred from applying because their work is not specifically covered above. If unsure, contact the Administrator.

What part does the Selection Panel play?

The Selection Panel will assess applications and make award recommendations to the Minister of Tertiary Education. In considering applications, the Selection Panel will take into account study costs, including tuition fees, books, materials, other fees, and travel 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 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 of this document 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 Selection Panel 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 Selection Panel expects that a recipient will contribute towards the cost of their study.

Employers also benefit from the knowledge and training and the Selection Panel 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 Selection Panel 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 Selection Panel 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 to benefit, rather than a particular organisation or the individual alone.

Applying

Applications for the 2025 awards must be received as an email no later than **Monday 2 September 2024**, or if sent by mail, postmarked by that date. The Selection Panel will meet once the referee reports have been received. Recipients of the 2025 awards will be announced by the Minister for Tertiary Education before the end of 2024.

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 send 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 Monday 2 September 2024

APPENDIX A

Recent Awards supported by the QEII Award.

Description of Study	Country
training in microbial functioning in lake sediments	Canada
train in photogrammetry for drone operators	UK
Study how forage crops fix atmospheric nitrogen	UK
study wildlife monitoring techniques and data management	Canada
Study the rearing of black lipped oysters	Fiji
refining methodologies in penguin research	Australia
Study chemical ecology techniques	UK
undertake comparative studies on estuary and coastal waters	Australia
study aquatic animal nutrition	Scotland
study bio-herbicide formulation and techniques	UK
study science technician leadership	UK
Complete a Master of Environmental Engineering	NZ
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
Complete an MSc in plant pathology	NZ
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
Training in coral reef conservation	Niue Islands
study marine mammal observation	Australia
Study fresh water aquaculture breeding programmes	Australia
Study estuarine sampling methodologies	UK