



Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand/Quinovic Property Management Post Graduate Study Award

Information for Applicants

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the award is to provide funds to assist with an individual's post graduate level research to improve knowledge in the field of coastal dune restoration. This study award is funded by Quinovic Property Management and administered by the Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand.

Eligibility and Conditions

The study award, to a maximum of \$2000, is restricted to New Zealand citizens or residents of New Zealand who are studying a discipline related to coastal dune restoration.

Evidence of employment and/or of registration with a recognised university or other tertiary training provider is required. Where the applicant is currently in employment, preference will be given to applicants who have their employer's approval for the research.

A written report on the research is to be submitted to the Dune Restoration Trust/Quinovic Study Award Committee within six months of the work being completed. Where the award contributed to long-term work, annual progress reports are to be submitted.

The Dune Restoration Trust/Quinovic Study Award Committee may require the recipient to make a short presentation on the research at the annual conference depending on additional funding availability. This will be negotiated at the time with each reward recipient.

The Dune Restoration Trust/Quinovic Study Award Committee may withhold payment until the presentation of final confirmation that the study or research project is to proceed. A letter of intent to make the payment will be issued on the successful granting of the award.

Tenure

The award is a single payment, for one 12 month period, awarded annually.

Applications

All applications shall be made on the application form and emailed to the Dune Restoration Trust Co-ordinator. Extra pages may be included, but ensure all parts of the form are filled out.

The applications shall be accompanied by:

- (a) The names and contact details of two referees;
- (b) A statement explaining the relevance of the candidate's proposed study;
- (c) Any other evidence that the candidate judges relevant to the application.

Applications for the 2011 study award will be accepted from 26th September to the 10th December.

Assessment criteria

In making an award the Selection Committee will take into consideration:

- The value of the proposed research to furthering dune restoration in New Zealand
- The practical relevance of the proposed research to the aims of the Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand
- The quality of the individual's application
- The personal qualities of the applicant
- Referees comments

A member of the Selection Committee may contact the applicant for additional information.

Decision making process

All applications will first be assessed by the Dune Restoration Trust Research Committee. Recommended applications will then be presented to the Selection Committee, made up of the Dunes Restoration Trust and Quinovic representatives and will make a final decision on the allocation (number and dollar value) of the annual award(s). A final decision on the award will be made within four weeks of the closing date for applications.

Monitoring and reporting

The award recipient(s) will be allocated a Dune Restoration Trust contact person for any queries. It will be this person's responsibility to follow up on the reporting and presentation requirements of the award. The reporting requirements are based on three progress reports per year of the study award, the dates of which will be negotiated with each individual recipient and set out in their student contract.

Payment and notification

Once the award recipient(s) has been decided by the Selection Committee the award will be given to the student based on their reporting requirements being met. A letter of congratulations and intent to pay the award will be provided to the recipient(s) by the Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand within four weeks of the closing date. Payment arrangements will be negotiated with each individual recipient and set out in their student contract.

Terms

The Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand/Quinovic Property Management Study Award is awarded at the discretion of the Selection Committee, as such the application dates, number of awards granted and amount of these awards may change.

Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand/ Quinovic Property Management Post Graduate Study Award: Application Form

Full name of applicant:		
Postal Address:		
Phone:		
Email address:		
University or other tertiary institute the study is to take place at:		
Academic supervisors name(s) and department:		
Employer's name (if applicable):		
Employer's postal address (if applicable):		
Brief summary of study or project details and the expected benefits for dune restoration in New Zealand:		
Details of any other funding applied for or received for this or other recent study:		
Declaration: By submitting this application, I confirm that the details given on this form and on the attached papers are provided in good faith and correctly represent the proposed study. I authorise members of the judging panel to contact the named referees to enquire about my professional and personal character.		
I have read and understood the declaration (please indicate):	Yes	No
Signature:	Date:	

Please attach a brief curriculum vitae and no more than five A4 sized pages detailing:

- a) Your proposed study or project
- b) Your registration details from your university or tertiary training provider
- c) The value of the study to furthering dune restoration in New Zealand
- d) The practical relevance of the study to the objectives of the Dune Restoration Trust of New Zealand
- e) A brief personal statement
- f) Contact details for two referees, and their supporting statements

Applications to be sent to in electronic format to: info@dunestrust.org.nz by the specified closing date each year. The closing date for the 2011 study award is 10th December.