

# NZSA Awards Committee: Report to the 2013 AGM

## Awards Committee Membership

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## 1. NZSA Awards

### 1.1 Introduction of New Awards

Motivated by recognition of the fact that NZSA has in the past offered fewer awards than comparable bodies (e.g. NZ Mathematics Society), the Awards Committee proposed an overhaul of the Association's awards. Following feedback from the Membership as a whole and ratification by the Executive Committee, the following NZSA research awards were established:

1. **The Littlejohn Research Award:** the senior research award, recognizing an outstanding body of work over a five year period.
2. **The Worsley Early Career Research Award:** for those with less than 7 years post-PhD in a research position.

The finalized regulations appear as an appendix to this Report. Details of these awards have been published on the NZSA website.

In response to the introduction of these research awards, the regulations for the Campbell Award were also updated, placing an increased focus on sustained, lifetime achievement. See attachment for details.

### 1.2 Awards for 2013

Multiple nominations were received for each of the three available awards. Details of winners will be announced at the Conference dinner.

## 2. Life Memberships

The Awards Committee proposes that the following be elected to Life Memberships of NZSA: [CENSORED BEFORE AGM]. These nominations will be put to the vote at the AGM.

## 3. Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

Only a single application to the Campbell Bequest Fund was received since the last AGM. This was funded as follows.

### 3.1 2013 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate Conference

A request was received from Peter Jaksons (University of Canterbury) for sponsorship for the 2013 New Zealand Mathematics and Statistics Postgraduate Conference. The Awards Committee decided to offer \$500 to support the event.

## 4. Thanks to the Awards Committee

The Convenor acknowledges the excellent work of the other members of the Award Committee since the last AGM.

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## Attachment: Awards Regulations

### Campbell Award

The purpose of the award is to promote statistics within NZ and to recognise an individual's sustained contribution to the promotion and development of statistics.

The criteria for the award are:

- i) publication of an exceptional body of original statistical research undertaken within NZ; or,
- ii) a prolonged and outstanding contribution to statistical education; or,
- iii) playing a key role in consulting on major, innovative research projects that have direct relevance to NZ;  
or,
- iv) making a leading contribution to the promotion of statistics within NZ over a sustained period.

Notes:

- The award is known as the NZSA Campbell Award.
- Normally one award will be given annually, at the NZSA annual dinner in conjunction with the annual conference. In exceptional circumstances, more than one award may be made in a year.
- An award may not necessarily be made each year.
- Nominations can be made by individuals or groups of individuals. Nominators may be non-NZSA members. Nominations will include:
  - the nominee's full curriculum vitae;
  - a statement of support from the nominator (s);
  - names of at least two persons willing to act as referees.
- The award may only be given to fully paid up members of the NZSA. All membership categories are eligible.
- Normally the award will only be given to a member once in their lifetime.
- The executive will elect an awards panel consisting of the awards convenor and no fewer than two other fully paid up members of the NZSA. The Convenor will oversee the process of calling for nominations. The panel will decide on that year's recipient. The panel may call for any additional information from the nominators.
- The awards panel will use suitable measures for each of the four criteria. These may include: for research, the publication record, and the originality, applicability, impact of the research; for contribution to statistical education, development of innovative teaching practices and curricula, development within other subjects, and development of links with other practices; for consulting, the project size, profile, application in a new area, rigour, relevance to solving real problems; and in promotion, the appropriate use of statistics and demonstrating the relevance of statistics. In all cases a record of achievement over an extended period is expected.

## **Littlejohn Research Award**

This award recognizes excellence in research, based on publications during the five calendar years preceding the date of the award. Candidates will normally have been residents of New Zealand for this period, and must be financial members of the Association. Previous recipients of the award are ineligible for nomination for a period of five years following their win.

Nominations can be made by individuals or groups of individuals. Nominators may be non-NZSA members. Nominations will be assessed by the NZSA Awards Committee, and should include the following:

- name, affiliation and contact details of nominator;
- name and affiliation of candidate;
- statement of general area of research;
- names of two persons willing to act as referees;
- a list of books and/or research articles published in the last five calendar years;
- electronic copies of the each of the five most significant publications selected from the list above;
- a clear statement of how much of any joint work is due to the candidate;
- and a citation, of maximum 40 words, summarizing the statistical research underlying the application.

## **Worsley Early Career Research Award**

This award recognizes outstanding recent published research from a New Zealand statistician in the early stages of their career. The criteria for eligibility are the same as for the Marsden Fund Fast-Start grants. Essentially, this means applicants must be within seven years of confirmation of PhD, or their highest completed degree for an applicant without a PhD. Candidates will have completed the majority of this research within New Zealand, and will be financial members of the Association. Previous winners are ineligible for nomination.

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- name, affiliation and contact details of nominator;
- name and affiliation of candidate;
- the candidate's best three papers and a two-page CV. The papers must have been peer-reviewed, and be published or in press. In cases of joint authorship, a clear statement of the contribution of the candidate should be made.
- Names of two persons willing to act as referees;
- and a citation, of maximum 40 words, summarizing the statistical research underlying the application.