

NZSA Awards Committee: AGM Report 25 November 2014

Awards Committee Membership

Martin Hazelton (temporarily stepped down)
James Curran (Convenor, ex officio NZSA President)
Harold Henderson
Jennifer Brown

2014 NZSA Awards

A call for nominations for the Littlejohn Research Award, Worsley Early Career Research Award, and Campbell Award, were sent out, and we received a good number of nominations. The awards will be announced tonight at the conference dinner

Jones Medal

David Vere-Jones has been nominated for the RSNZ 2014 Jones Medal. There will be a RSNZ award ceremony and dinner on Wednesday evening.

<http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/programmes/awards/jones-medal/>

The Jones Medal is awarded biennially, for lifetime achievement in pure or applied mathematics or statistics by a person with substantial connections to New Zealand.

The Jones Medal is accompanied by a prize of NZ\$5,000 awarded by the NZ Mathematics Research Institute (Inc.)

Campbell Bequest Fund Awards

(Previously reported to the Executive Committee in March and July)

NZMASP 2014

A request for funding from the organizers of the 2014 Mathematics and Statistics postgraduate conference (NZMASP14) was considered by the Awards Committee. The Committee awarded \$200 this year (a reduction from \$500 awarded previously).

2014-2015 International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP)

The Awards Committee made an award of \$500 to help provide prizes for the 2014-2015 International Statistical Literacy Project (ISLP) International Poster competition. This award matches that for the same purpose in 2010.

James Curran
Awards Committee Convenor

Appendix

Proposed Regulations for Revised NZSA Awards

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.
- 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 given in a year.
- An award may not necessarily be given out each year.
- Nominations can be made by individuals or groups of individuals. Nominators may be non-NZSA members. Nominations will include a statement of support from the nominator and may include names of suitable 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.
- An awards convenor will be selected from the current executive who will oversee the process of calling for nominations. 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 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.

NZSA Research Award

This award is based on original statistical research published in the last five calendar years. Candidates will normally have been residents of New Zealand for this period, and must be financial members of the Association. Nominations and applications should include the following:

- 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.

NZSA 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 financial members of the Association. Applications should include the following:

- 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.
- A citation, of maximum 40 words, summarizing the statistical research underlying the application.