

Awards Committee Report to the 2025 AGM

Awards Committee

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2025 NZSA Awards

A number of nominations were received for each of the Worsley, Littlejohn, Jean Thompson, and Campbell Awards. The winners will be announced at the conference dinner.

Congratulations to the 2024 winners: Lisa Thomassen (Campbell Award), Tilman Davies (Littlejohn Award), and David Baird (Jean Thompson Award). Their citations can be found in [Newsletter #92](#).

Student Travel Awards

Travel grants totalling \$6,800 were awarded to 17 students to support their attendance at the 2025 NZSA conference. The recipients included 13 students from Auckland, 2 from Victoria, and 2 from Massey.

The current budget allocation for student travel awards is \$5,000. Approval was granted by the Executive to exceed this amount. A similar approval was given last year to allocate \$8,000. To ensure continued support for students at a similar level, a motion has been raised to increase the annual budget line to \$8,000.

Early Career Discretionary Travel Fund

A total of \$3,000 was awarded to three early-career members to attend the 2025 NZSA conference: Oliver Stevenson, Laia Egea Cortes, and Peter Green.

NZSA Tidy International Travel Scholarship

The inaugural recipient of the NZSA Tidy International Travel Scholarship, generously sponsored by Hadley Wickham, was Sarah Croft, a PhD student at the University of Otago. Sarah used the scholarship to attend the IBS-AR Conference in Canberra.

Thank you to Muskaan and the SECs Awards Committee for designing and running this process.

Visiting Lecturer

Dr. Matthew Beckman (Penn State University) was the 2025 NZSA [Visiting Lecturer](#). Funds of up to \$2,000 were approved to cover Dr. Beckman's travel expenses. Thanks to Anna Fergusson and the University of Auckland for hosting Dr. Beckman

Student Presentation Prizes

We have a fantastic lineup of students presenting their research at this year's conference, with a total of 25 presentations. Harmonic Analytics has once again generously sponsored prizes for the best student presentations. Many thanks to the anonymous judges for their valuable time and effort in assessing the student talks.

Thanks

The Convenor would like to thank:

- The Awards Committee members for their valuable contributions.
- Muskaan and the SECs Awards Committee for their work in designing and managing the Tidy Award
- Harmonic Analytics for sponsoring the student awards.
- Everyone who submitted nominations for the 2025 awards.
- The judges of the student presentations for their time and expertise.

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