



New Zealand Speech-language Therapists' Association

Te Kāhui Kaiwhakatikatika Reo Kōrero o Aotearoa

Research Excellence Award

(Sponsored by Stella Ward)

The New Zealand Speech-language Therapists' Association (NZSTA) is pleased to offer this post-graduate Award. This is a Masters/Doctoral Award, valued at \$1,000, sponsored by Stella Ward, and is offered annually.

The Award is designed to support post-graduate study and research in Speech-language Therapy in New Zealand. One Award will be granted annually and only when candidates meet the criterion. There is an expectation that recipients of the Award will share their research findings with the NZSTA membership through a publication in the New Zealand Journal of Speech-language Therapy and/or an NZSTA conference presentation.

The Award will be presented each year at the NZSTA Annual General Meeting.

Eligibility Criteria:

The applicant must be a current member of the NZSTA and must have been a full or student member for a minimum of two consecutive years immediately prior to the date of application. Professional membership within the NZSTA must be retained during the Award.

Applicants for the Award must be enrolled in a Masters or PhD Program at a Tertiary Institution within New Zealand and be studying in a research area directly related to Speech and Language Therapy.

In any given year, one (1) Award will be granted on the basis of the applications received. The Award will require academic excellence and a demonstration of research activity.

Application Process:

Applicants must submit the following information:

1. A one-page statement describing the applicant's service to speech-language therapy in New Zealand.

2. A two-page summary of the research area including a discussion of the relevance of the research topic to New Zealand Speech-Language Therapy.
3. Demonstration of academic ability (e.g., academic record, list of publications or conference presentations).
4. Two references detailing academic promise and professional skills (e.g., academic professional reference or supervisory support).

Applications should be sent with a covering letter, indicating the Award applied for, to:

NZSTA Administrator – admin@speechtherapy.org.nz

Applications for 2018 will close at 5.00pm on 31 July 2018.

All applications will be considered by the Committee. The Committee members will include:

1. An academic representative from an NZSTA Accredited Speech-Language Therapy Degree Program,
2. The NZSTA Executive Council.

Final decision regarding the Award recipient will be made following the approval of the NZSTA Executive Council. This decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.