

**Botanical Society of Otago**

**Jennifer & Peter Bannister Student Grant for Botanical Research**

Applications are invited for the **Jennifer & Peter Bannister Student Grant for Botanical Research,** from the Botanical Society of Otago (BSO), to assist a student studying for the degree of PhD, MSc, BSc (Hons) or B. Appl. Sci. in any tertiary institution in New Zealand, whose thesis project deals with some aspect of New Zealand's flora and vegetation. Priority will be given to projects relevant to the Otago and Southland regions.

The research project to be supported will be chosen on the basis of appropriateness to the objectives of the BSO, namely to encourage the study of botany, and to stimulate public interest in the plant life of New Zealand.

Funds of up to $2,000 per year (contingent on available funding) will be provided directly to the successful student(s) as a contribution to research-related expenses associated with the project.

Closing date for applications:

Contact for enquiries: BSO Secretary

Email: bso@otago.ac.nz

**Jennifer & Peter Bannister Student Grant for Botanical Research Rules**

1. The Fund will be used to assist a student or students studying for the degree of PhD, MSc, BSc (Hons) or B. Appl. Sci. in any tertiary institution in New Zealand whose projects deal with some aspect of New Zealand's flora and vegetation. Priority will be given to projects relevant to or based in the Otago or Southland region.

2. The research projects to be supported will be chosen on their appropriateness to the objectives of the BSO, namely to encourage the study of botany, and to stimulate public interest in the plant life of New Zealand. The financial needs of a particular student may also be taken into account.

3. The grant is intended to defray costs associated with lab work or fieldwork (including herbarium visits). Any funds unexpended on completion of thesis practical work shall be returned to the Society.

4. The successful applicant(s) will be chosen by a three-person panel appointed by the Botanical Society of Otago committee within one month of the closing date for applications.

5. Grants will generally be made annually, with the proviso that no grant need be made if the Committee so decides.

6. Grants will normally be made for one year only to any individual, although in exceptional circumstances a further award may be made for a subsequent year.

7. Each recipient of a grant will be required to provide a brief written report for the BSO newsletter and encouraged to present a talk to the BSO outlining the outcome of their project.

8. The applicant needs to be a current member of the BSO.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO:

BSO Secretary

Email: bso@otago.ac.nz

Subject line: Jennifer & Peter Bannister Student Grant for Botanical Research



**APPLICATION TO** Jennifer & Peter Bannister Student Grant for Botanical Research

Email completed application to: BSO Secretary (bso@otago.ac.nz)

**Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Copy of academic transcript attached (required):  Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**CV attached (required):  Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Tertiary institute in which you are enrolled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Degree for which you are enrolled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Department/School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**What is the submission date for your thesis/dissertation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Supervisor(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Title of thesis / research project:**

**Objective of research project** *(max 100 words)***:**

**Brief description of the research topic** *(max 500 words)*

**How does this relate to the objectives of the Botanical Society of Otago?** *(Refer to Rule 2; max 250 words)*

**Itemised budget** *(Outline the main items in your budget for which you are requesting funds from this grant to cover, e.g. equipment, laboratory, field and travel expenses)*

***Funding available to support the research*** *(If relevant, indicate which expenses cannot be covered by other available funding mechanisms (e.g., departmental contributions, contributions from other grant funding) and/or which aspects of the research will not be feasible without support from this grant.)*

**Supervisor’s comments:**

*(Applications without supervisor’s comments will not be considered)*

*Supervisors should comment on the suitability of the student’s background for the proposed research and indicate the relevance of the work to the requirements of Rule 2.*