

Norman Cunningham Fellowship

Fellowship Regulations

Focus

Research into thoroughbred racehorses

Level of Study

Postgraduate

Purpose

The Norman Cunningham Fellowship promotes research in animal welfare and/or veterinary science, particularly related to the breeding, health, or the control of diseases of thoroughbred racehorses in New Zealand.

Background

This fellowship was created under the will of Norman Cunningham of Auckland.

Value and Tenure

The total grant under the fellowship is up to \$10,000 per annum. The whole or part of this may be applied as stipend, or for other purposes that will enable the fellow to carry out a defined programme approved by the directors.

The programme approved under the fellowship must be completed within three years.

Typical Number on Offer

One fellowship may be offered each year.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a resident of New Zealand and a veterinary surgeon registered under the Veterinarians Act 2005 and its amendments. Graduates in another field of science who are interested in animal welfare are also welcome to apply.

Applicants should be undertaking, or eligible to undertake, postgraduate research in animal welfare or veterinary science. A preference will be given to research related to thoroughbred racehorses in New Zealand.

Selection Criteria

The selection criterion is quality of the research proposal

Selection Panel

The Dean of Postgraduate Studies, Head of School of Veterinary Science (or delegate) and the President of the New Zealand Veterinary Association are the Scientific Directors under the Trust and are responsible among other things for election and supervision of Fellows.

Recommendations from the Dean of Postgraduate Studies and the President of the New Zealand Veterinary Association, together with the applications, are submitted to the Guardian Trust Office. When the Guardian Trust Office confirms the recommendation, the fellowship is awarded by the School of Veterinary Science Dean of Postgraduate Studies.

Guardian Trust has the right to refrain from making an award if there are no suitable applicants and its decision is final.

Conditions of the Fellowship

Reports of progress must be made at intervals of six months after appointment, and a final report submitted within three months of the termination.