PostDoc Publishing Grant

The National Committee of the GSNZ, in partnership with the Royal Society of New Zealand, is offering grants of up to $2,200\* to support recently submitted or soon-to-submit PhD students, to encourage them to publish their PhD thesis work in peer-reviewed journals during the transitional period between thesis submission and employment.

\*$1,200 is to be paid up front to any successful candidate. An additional $1,000 is to be paid if one or more of the recipient’s manuscripts are eventually accepted for publication in the New Zealand Journal of Geology and Geophysics (NZJGG). Your articles may be published open access free of charge if you’re affiliated with one of the participating institutions; general eligibility criteria and terms apply (<https://caul.libguides.com/read-and-publish/wiley>)

*To be eligible to apply for this grant at the time of application, you must:*

1. Be a current financial member of the GSNZ.
2. Be either: within 3 months of submitting your PhD thesis\*; or have submitted your thesis and are awaiting viva (oral defense); or have successfully sat your viva within the past 3 months.
3. Have a thesis chapter or other thesis material that you are able to prepare as a viable manuscript for submission to a peer-reviewed journal article;

Further rules and eligibility for this award are included as an appendix to this form. Please read these before completing the application.

Please complete all sections of this form. Once complete, please email your form to the GSNZ Vice President ([vp@gsnz.org.nz](mailto:vp@gsnz.org.nz)).

**Section 1: Details of Applicant & Referee**

Name of applicant:

GSNZ Member number:

Email:

Institution to which you are/were enrolled for your PhD:

Which of the following applies:

* Within 3 months of submitting your PhD thesis
* Have submitted your thesis and are awaiting viva (oral defense)
* Have successfully sat your viva within the past 3 months

Are you currently living in NZ?

* **Yes**
* **No**

Applicants are required to arrange for ONE referee statement / letter from the project supervisor verifying the potential/viability of the article(s) for publication and the suitability of it/them for the target journal(s), and their support for your application.

This may be either attached to this application form, or it may be sent directly from the Referee to the Awards Subcommittee Chair (vp@gsnz.org.nz), to be received on or before the closing date for applications.

Name of Referee:

Position:

Institution:

Relationship to you:

Email:

Phone:

**Section 2: Manuscript Plan**

For each thesis manuscript you propose to prepare\*, provide a brief manuscript plan including:

* Preliminary title:
* Target journal to submit to:
* Brief summary of the manuscript and what part of your PhD thesis it arises from (max 250 words):
* A proposed timeline for submission:

\* We recommend having a plan for no more than three manuscripts (one to two would be more typical).

**Section 3: Declaration of Funds and Income**

What is your current employment status and role? *(e.g. part-time job, freelance work, stipend, etc)*?

**Employment Status & Role:**

How much are you likely to earn (monthly) over the next 3 months (after submitting your thesis)?

**Approx. Monthly Amount:**

What is your anticipated weekly cost of living over the next 3 months (after submitting your thesis)? (Consider only rent / mortgage payments and other fixed outgoings, i.e. not food or holidays)

**Approx. Weekly Amount:**

Are you eligible for any other similar type of funding/top-up scholarship from your university that supports students after they have submitted their thesis?

* **Yes**
* **No**

**Section 4: Curriculum Vitae**

*Please insert a 1-page academic CV. The text box will expand to accommodate it. These instructions can be deleted. Alternatively, a 1 page CV in a separate file may be submitted with this application form.*

**Section 5: Declaration & Submission**

By checking the box below, you confirm that, 1) to the best of your knowledge, the information contained within this application is true and accurate, 2) you have genuine and true intention to work on preparing manuscripts for submission; 3) you have read and understood the rules and criteria in the Appendix to this form.

* **Yes**

Once completed, please send your application form to the current Chair of the Awards subcommittee ([VP@gsnz.org.nz](mailto:VP@gsnz.org.nz)) by the due date advertised on the website.

**Appendix: Intent, Rules and Eligibility for the PostDoc Publishing Grant**

1.The purpose of the grant is to support recently completed/submitted PhD students to publish their thesis work while awaiting their viva/oral defense or searching for employment after having successfully defended their thesis (i.e. a pass with or without emendations).

2. To be eligible to apply for this grant at the time of application, applicants must:

1. Be a current financial member of the GSNZ.
2. Be either: within 3 months of submitting their PhD thesis\*; or have submitted their thesis and are awaiting viva (oral defense); or have successfully sat their viva/defense within the past 3 months.
3. Have a thesis chapter or other thesis material that they are able to prepare as a viable manuscript for submission to a peer-reviewed journal article;

3. The total value of a grant pool shall not exceed $6,600 per calendar year, with three application rounds and one awardee selected per round;

3a. Each awardee will receive $1,200 upon being selected (once they have confirmed submission of their thesis, if they have not done so at the time of application).

3b. An additional bonus payment of $1,000 will be awarded if the recipient chooses to submit to the New Zealand Journal of Geology and Geophysics (NZJGG) **and** the article is accepted (final decision) for publication within 12 months of receiving the award. The article must **NOT** already be submitted/under consideration in NZJGG at the time of application. Evidence of article acceptance must be presented to the GSNZ treasurer for the release of the bonus payment. No bonus payment is given out for publishing in any journal other than NZJGG.

3c. If an article is accepted for publication in NZJGG the article may be published open access free of charge if the corresponding author is affiliated with one of the participating institutions; general eligibility criteria and terms apply. https://caul.libguides.com/read-and-publish/wiley.

3d. The amount of funding or bonus payment does **not** increase with the number of articles published. The maximum amount any recipient can receive is $2200.

4. While the intention of the fund is to provide support towards living costs during the post-thesis submission period, the funding can be used however the recipient wishes - e.g. for living costs, publication fees, or renewing their GSNZ membership!

5. Applications will be evaluated and voted on by the National Committee, based on the information provided in this application form (and any accompanying documents).

6. Greater priority may be given to eligible applicants who have: e.g. limited other funding support with limited employment, and who have high weekly outgoings; a strong and clearly viable manuscript plan that has been verified/supported by a supervisor; already passed their viva (such that they may not have another opportunity to apply for this fund if they are unsuccessful in the current round); are currently living in New Zealand.

7. Unsuccessful applicants can reapply in subsequent rounds, but a person is not able to be awarded the grant more than once.

8. Successful applicants are required to submit a summary (~1-4 page article) of their publication to the GSNZ newsletter within 12-months of receiving the award.