

Neil Bruère Scholarship Award

Background

The Neil Bruère Scholarship Award is an initiative to provide funding for individual clinical practitioners to undertake district-level investigatory or research work. The award was established at the 1990 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society of Sheep and Beef Cattle Veterinarians.

Examples of projects that have been funded include detailed work-up of animal health issues on individual farms and small on-farm productivity/clinical studies. Most projects would ordinarily be difficult to fund. In the case of individual farm issues, the immediate economic return to the client may not warrant investment in a full investigation. Additionally, funding for small field studies can be difficult to obtain.

Rules

1. Definitions:
 - “Society” means the Society of Sheep and Beef Cattle Veterinarians, a special interest branch of the New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe (NZVA).
 - “Committee” means the Society’s management committee consisting of all office bearers for that year.
 - “Selection panel” refers to the panel of judges who will consider applications for the award.
2. The award will be known as the Neil Bruère Scholarship Award.
3. Applications for the award are open to all members of the Society. In exceptional circumstances, other appropriately qualified individuals with a close affinity to sheep and beef cattle production and health may be considered.
4. Applications will be judged by a selection panel of three to four people appointed annually by the Committee. All decisions will be final.
5. The scholarship may be used for any purpose or activity considered appropriate by the selection panel.
6. The scholarship will be for a sum of up to \$5,000 (including GST) per annum, that figure being subject to review annually by the Committee. Normally, it is expected that the annual consideration will be divided into two to three awards of equivalent value but, at the discretion of the selection panel, this may be altered to suit the circumstances. If no suitable applicants are received, no award will be made in that year.
7. A call for applications will be circulated in the Society’s email newsletter.
8. The successful applicant(s) must report to the Society on activities undertaken under the terms of the award within a timeframe and method considered appropriate by the selection panel.

Terms and conditions

1. It is expected that the results of the project be published in the Sheep and Beef Cattle Veterinarians newsletter and, if appropriate, be presented at the annual NZVA Conference or its equivalent.
2. A short progress report will be due midway through the project and a final report will be due one month after completion.
3. Funding can be used for (but not limited to) on-farm investigatory/monitoring work and materials, laboratory testing, data analysis and reporting. Veterinary fees for time spent will be considered on a case by case basis.
4. Funding from other sources can also be used but these must be shown in the application.

5. Applications for a Neil Bruère Scholarship to make a small contribution to a larger study will not be considered.
6. A project budget detailing materials, lab fees, time, travel and third-party costs/charges should be submitted with the application.
7. Applications for prospective field trials or research-type studies must be made at least one month before the expected start date of the study.
8. Applications for clinical investigations can be made at the time of the investigation and a rapid turn-around time on the decision to award funds can be expected for these.

Any enquiries and applications for the Neil Bruère Scholarship should be directed to sheep-beef@vets.org.nz.

Application for Neil Bruère Scholarship Award

Maximum two pages, minimum font size 10

Applicant name	
Applicant address	
Applicant phone(s)	
Applicant email	
Name(s) of farmer(s) involved in project	
Name of project	
Location of project	
Proposed commencement and completion dates	
Aim of project	
Proposed methods and materials	
Name of other services/contractors to be used (eg Animal Health Laboratory, Statistician)	
Project cost, including GST (please append detailed budget, including funding from other sources and 'in-kind' funding such as	

veterinary time and product donations)	
Amount requested from Neil Bruère Scholarship Award Fund, including GST	
Applicant signature	Date