



TE KŌKIRINGA TAUMATA  
NEW ZEALAND PLANNING INSTITUTE

**Top of the South Planning Student Scholarship**  
**New Zealand Planning Institute – Nelson / Marlborough Branch**

**Closing date: 1 February 2025**

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***Purpose:***

1. The scholarship aims to financially support a tertiary student with strong associations to Te Tau Ihu / Top of the South (i.e. Nelson, Marlborough, Tasman regions) into the planning profession.

***The recipient:***

2. Must be from, grew up and/or whakapapa to the Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu or can demonstrate a strong ongoing connection with the region (i.e. regularly visits family) or has a job lined up in one of the regions.
3. Must be studying an accredited NZPI planning degree in New Zealand, either at the undergraduate or postgraduate level.
4. Must apply to the NZPI Nelson/Marlborough branch. The application should relate to what they would tell their 'secondary school self' about planning – the opportunities, challenges, skillset requirements, and an emerging planner's hopes, dreams and aspirations. This might include creative scenarios such as maps of a dream city/neighbourhood, planning for climate change resilient communities, integrated or spatial planning across urban, coastal and/or rural environments, te ao Māori perspectives, or something similar. This will form the basis of their presentation and engagement with regional schools.
5. Must give back to the region by visiting and presenting to students in no fewer than two Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu secondary schools with the aim of promoting the planning profession. A member of the NZPI local branch committee will accompany the recipient.
6. Will share their experiences and reflections on their interactions with school students with members of the NZPI local branch committee in an online meeting or in-person.

***The scholarship offer:***

7. A one-off cash grant of \$2000 is to be used towards study-related expenses or to support a student completing their studies and transitioning into planning work in one of the Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu regions.
8. Additionally, the scholarship will fund the recipient's return travel costs (e.g., flights, ferry or equivalent) for one visit.
9. The recipient will be expected to arrange and fund their own accommodation.

***Notes:***

10. The scholarship may be awarded to the same person more than once.
11. The scholarship may not be awarded if no suitable applications are received, as determined by the judging panel's sole discretion.
12. Applications will be judged by the NZPI Nelson/Marlborough branch Chair and at least two other committee members. If any of these people have a conflict of interest with any applicant, they shall stand down from judging and be replaced by another committee member.
13. In liaison with the recipient, the NZPI Nelson/Marlborough branch Secretary or Treasurer will book and purchase return flights or ferry trips (passenger only). Committee members will commit time to advertising the scholarship, assessing applications, and arranging meetings with schools.
14. In making their decision, the judging panel will consider matters such as:
  - a. How the applicant has conveyed the opportunities, challenges, skillset requirements, and the hopes, dreams and aspirations of an emerging planner;
  - b. How the applicant will best give back to the profession through presenting to schools;
  - c. Any other matters the judging panel considers relevant; and
  - d. Any broader impacts of awarding the scholarship and its positive impacts on the planning profession.



## APPLICATION FORM

### Top of the South Planning Student Scholarship New Zealand Planning Institute – Nelson / Marlborough Branch

#### Applicant's contact details

Name	
Email	
Phone	

#### Applicant's affiliations

Which university and degree are you currently enrolled in?	
Which year of study?	
What is your association with the Top of the South region?	

#### Format of application

Any (or a combination) of the following:

- Poster
- Essay/Report (1000-2000 words)
- Video
- PowerPoint presentation (with notes)

#### How and when to submit your application

For any queries about this scholarship and to submit your application, please email:  
[nelson.marlborough@planning.org.nz](mailto:nelson.marlborough@planning.org.nz)

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