

Awards, Prizes & Scholarships

Each year, Lincoln University students and staff receive merit-based recognition. After their announcement, these are recorded in the earliest available edition of the Lincoln Planning Review.

Student Award Recipients

John Hayward Memorial Prize: 2022 - Joseph Zonneveld; 2023 - Mattias Wieland; 2024 - Katherine Manning

The John Hayward Memorial Prize was established after the death of John Hayward in 1993. John Hayward founded the Centre for Resource Management at Lincoln and the Master of Science (Resource Management) degree, a precursor to the Master of Environmental Policy and Management degree. This award is given to the most outstanding Master of Environmental Policy and Management student who has completed the requirements for the degree and is based mainly on their academic performance in core subjects. The prize was awarded to Joseph Zonneveld in 2022, Mattias Wieland in 2023, and Katherine Manning in 2024.

Boffa Miskell Prize for Planning: 2022 - Vanessa Mannix; 2023 - Jean Perry; 2024 - Kayla-Maree Dawson

Established in 2022 and funded by Boffa Miskell, the Boffa Miskell Prize for Planning is awarded annually to the student achieving the highest-grade point average across all their 300-level courses for the Bachelor of Environmental Policy and Planning with Honours degree and enrolling in the subsequent year in a Postgraduate study of a New Zealand Planning Institute accredited degree at Lincoln University. The prize was awarded to Vanessa Mannix in 2022, Jean Perry in 2023, and Kayla-Maree Dawson in 2024.

Papa Pounamu Whakatutukitanga Scholarship: 2023 - Jasmine Donald; 2024 - Ruby Kimber

The Papa Pounamu Whakatutukitanga Scholarship is supported by WSP and the New Zealand Planning Institute (NZPI). It is awarded annually at the NZPI Conference to an undergraduate or postgraduate student pursuing an NZPI-accredited planning degree. The scholarship recognises excellence and achievement by a student planner engaged in Māori planning within an environmental framework. It considers both academic and practical work and how it may influence or reshape planning practice in New Zealand. The recipient also receives a 10-week summer internship at WSP. The 2023 recipient was Jasmine Donald (Ōrimupiko Pā, Taranaki), recognised as a bright and engaged student with a deep commitment to Māori planning and environmental management. The 2024 recipient was Ruby Kimber, noted for her strong capacity for learning, collaboration, and a well-developed Māori planning perspective.

Staff Award Recipients

2024 Lincoln University Medal: John Gould

The Lincoln University Medal is awarded to a Lincoln staff member, graduate, or member of the Lincoln community who has provided long-term voluntary service and support to the fabric or reputation of Lincoln University. In 2024, Lincoln University tutor John Gould was awarded the Lincoln University Medal in recognition of his outstanding service to the University, through his role in reviving and providing ongoing support to the Sustainability Action Group for the Environment (SAGE).

2024 Ngāti Moki Trophy for Māori Leadership: Professor Hirini Matunga

The Ngāti Moki Trophy for Māori Leadership is awarded to a person who has shown considerable Māori leadership at Lincoln University and commitment to Māori development either as a student, graduate, staff member or associate of the University. In 2024, the Ngāti Moki Trophy for Māori Leadership was awarded to Professor Hirini Matunga (Whakapapa: Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Paerangi – Atiu, Cook Islands), in recognition of his outstanding leadership in Māori and Indigenous teaching, research and university management at Lincoln University.

2022 New Zealand Planning Institute's Distinguished Service Award: Dr Hamish Rennie

The NZPI Distinguished Service Award recognises a significant contribution over many years to the image and practice of planning; original research that has advanced the theory and practice of planning in New Zealand and internationally; a major contribution to the field of planning and the affairs of the Institute; or national or international recognition as a leader in the planning profession. In 2022, Dr Hamish Rennie was awarded the NZPI Distinguished Service Award. The award acknowledges his high personal standards and professionalism, which have reflected positively on the planning profession and the wider community. It also recognises his outstanding contributions to spatial and coastal planning and his continued support for colleagues and future planners.

2022 John Mawson Award of Merit: Courtney Bennett and Professor Hirini Matunga

Presented by NZPI, the John Mawson Award recognises a meritorious contribution to the establishment and development of a distinctive Aotearoa New Zealand planning kaupapa/planning framework. In 2022, the award was presented to Lincoln University PhD student Courtney Bennett and Professor Hirini Matunga for their contribution as part of the authorial team behind the work *Mana whenua engagement in Crown and Local Authority-initiated environmental planning processes: A critique based on the perspectives of Ngāi Tahu environmental kaitiaki*.