

Awards

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Staff and students from Lincoln University's Faculty of Environment, Society, and Design have recently been awarded a variety of prestigious awards and scholarships in relation to resource management and planning, a few of which are outlined below.

Firstly, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to resource management the Honorary Professor Peter Skelton has been awarded the Principal Judge John Bollard Lifetime Commemorative Award from the New Zealand Resource Management Law Association. Rather than being an annual award, this Lifetime Commemorative Award is only given to exceptional individuals on occasion. With an outstanding and varied career that includes working as a lawyer, judge, independent commissioner, and academic, Professor Skelton is a well deserving recipient. Currently an Environment Canterbury Commissioner, Professor Skelton continues to be an emeritus professor at Lincoln University.

Secondly, on October 17th 2012 the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Annual Awards Presentation and Dinner for 2012 was held at the Hotel Intercontinental in Wellington with Lincoln University students once again securing top awards. This year there were two winners of the prestigious award, the Ministry of Transport Award for outstanding achievement at Masters level in a research project, dissertation or thesis 2012. This prestigious award went to two Lincoln University transport students, Mark Worsley and David Kriel. Both students graduated in 2012 with a Masters of Professional Studies after they completed A+ dissertations under the supervision of Jean-Paul Thull.

The CILT Award for the Most Meritorious Presentation 2012 also went to two Lincoln University students, Lara Peter and Marcel Podstolski. Lara and Marcel were awarded for their report on a feasibility study of commuter rail for Christchurch in their TRAN 601 course in 2012. The awards are a great achievement and do well to showcase the excellent work coming from Lincoln University students.

Finally, each year Lincoln University contested summer scholarships provide select students the opportunity to carry out research projects during the summer holidays. This year a number of scholarships have been awarded to environmental management and planning students. With funding from the Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management, Naturefarms, and Waihora Ellesmere Trust, this summer will see students researching a variety of topics. This year's scholarship projects and recipients are as follows:

Compiling a meta-database of information on the surface and groundwater resources of Christchurch City and Selwyn District Funded by: Waterways Centre for Freshwater Management

Awarded to: Michelle Ruske

Supervised By: Bryan Jenkins and Jenny Webster-Brown

The effectiveness of loading dairy effluent ponds with Effective Micros (EM) Funded by: NatureFarms Awarded to: Lauren Kensington Supervised By: Kelvin Nicolle, Mike Daly (NatureFarms) Describing and, where possible, quantifying the costs and benefits of riparian planting with particular reference to the drainage network of the lower Selwyn-Waihora catchment

Funded by: Waihora Ellesmere Trust Awarded to: Jess Rae Supervised by: Geoff Kerr and Adrienne Lomax (WET)

Quantifying, using agreed indicators, the recreational use of Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere, both historical and contemporary

Funded by: Waihora Ellesmere Trust Awarded to: Chi Chong (Lantz) Wu Supervised by: Ken Hughey and Adrienne Lomax (WET)

Water take survey in the catchment of Wairewa/Lake Forsyth

Funded by: Waihora Ellesmere Trust Awarded to: Jay Whitehead Supervised by: Jenny Webster-Brown / Dr Tim Davie (ECan)