

# Georgina Carvell Memorial Prize

## Waeture | Regulations

The prize recognises dedication and excellence in research and teaching by PhD students in Psychology at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

1. The prize is a monetary award at a value of \$5,000.
2. One prize is available annually to students who, in Te Kura Mahi ā-Hirikapo | School of Psychology, Speech, and Hearing at the University at the end of the year of the award, had:
  - a. completed at least 120 points of enrolment in a programme for a PhD degree in Psychology; and
  - b. had their doctoral confirmation report approved by the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research.
3. The prize is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of the Tumuaki Kura | Head of Te Kura Mahi ā-Hirikapo | School of Psychology, Speech, and Hearing (or nominee).
4. The Tumuaki Kura | Head of School (or nominee) receives nominations from supervisors of students in the form of letters of recommendation, supported by written statements and CVs from the nominees that the supervisors have invited them to submit.
5. In making the recommendation, the Tumuaki Kura | Head of School (or nominee) gives equal consideration to:
  - a. excellence of the candidates' doctoral work as indicated by their doctoral confirmation reports;
  - b. excellence in research; and
  - c. excellence in teaching.
6. If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no prize is offered.
7. No student may receive the prize more than once.
8. The prize is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.
9. A condition of acceptance is that a recipient permits announcement and publication of acceptance of the award, and agrees to provide to the Carvell family (or their representatives), through the University of Canterbury Foundation,<sup>1</sup> a written introduction and a brief outline of their academic interests and goals.

**Whakamahuki | Background information:** Te Kura Mahi ā-Hirikapo | School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing and the Carvell family established this prize in 2021 in memory of Georgina (George) Carvell (1989–2019), following her unexpected passing in 2019, so that her name will continue to be associated with endeavour and excellence in her chosen field.

George, as she preferred to be known, was a PhD student in Psychology at the University, having previously been awarded a BSc in Biological Sciences and an MSc in Zoology, also from UC. Her major research interest was understanding the cognitive processes of non-human

species, from jumping spiders to pigeons. Her intellectual talent, curiosity, and generosity were evident from an early age, and she had a range of academic and non-academic interests. George was also dedicated to teaching and was a well-regarded tutor, giving generously of her time and expertise to help other students. George is remembered for her intelligence, kindness, humour, spirit, and good nature, and is sorely missed by all who knew her.

**Rā whakaae | Approval date:** September 2021

### **Pitopito kōrero | Notes**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/alumni/contacts.shtml>