

NZIER Ed Hearnshaw Environmental Economics Award

Instructions to applicants

Aim

The NZIER Ed Hearnshaw Environmental Economics Award has been inaugurated, organised, and underwritten by the Hearnshaw Family and the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research to recognise and encourage the advancement of environmental economics and its applications by a contributor with a New Zealand connection. The objectives are described in more detail in the accompanying policy document.

This Award honours the memory of Ed Hearnshaw, a talented environmental economist who died in a tramping accident in 2020. NZIER acknowledges the Hearnshaw family who are co-funding this Award.

Prize

The prize for the winner is \$4,000 and will be presented at a function in Wellington on 13 August 2026.

Awarding Panel

In 2026, the awarding panel comprises Dr Bill Kaye-Blake, Principal Economist at NZIER; Alice Hearnshaw; and Dr Ilan Noy, recipient of the award in 2024.

Nominations

Applications are sought from the field of environmental economics broadly defined. Applicants for the Award should describe the contribution they have made, including evidence supporting the reach and impact of that contribution.

Applications close at **5 pm, 17 July 2026 NZ time**.

Application Process

An application must include:

- A completed **nomination form**, signed by the applicant, agreeing to adhere to the rules of the Award and stating the names of two referees who may be approached on a confidential basis by the Awarding Panel.
- The nomination form must include a succinct statement (about a page) describing the specific contribution, including reach and impact.
- The statement should also indicate why the applicant believes the contributions will be of long-term importance to New Zealand.
- A **curriculum vitae** for the applicant.
- Copies of any relevant **supporting material** in whatever form is appropriate. (These could, for example, be economic articles.) They should preferably be brief and specifically relevant.

The Awarding Panel's brief is to select a candidate whose contributions fulfil the objectives of the Award. It will pay considerable attention to the logic of the succinct supporting statement. Its contents should be well considered and organised.

The decisions are taken by the Awarding Panel. As a condition of the Award, NZIER may ask the winner to give an address in a form to be determined relating to the subject area of the Award.

Conditions

By applying for this Award, the applicants are accepting the conditions of the Award. The judges' decision as to the interpretation of the rules and choice of winner will be final.