



Hill Tinsley Medal 2022 application guidelines

The Hill Tinsley Medal (until 2016 known as the Research Medal) is awarded for outstanding fundamental or applied research in the physical, natural or social sciences published during the year of the award or the preceding three calendar years.

Dr Beatrice Hill Tinsley (1941-1981) was born in England and educated in New Zealand. She became an astronomer and cosmologist, working in USA and making fundamental contributions to our understanding of the life-cycle of galaxies including that the universe is infinite and expanding forever. Sadly, she died of cancer at the age of just 40, having already published over 100 papers, achieved excellence in teaching, and was mother to two children. Her family have agreed to lend Hill Tinsley's name to the medal in recognition of her achievements during a tragically short, but literally stellar, career on the international science stage.

Applicants must be within their first 15 years after graduating PhD as at 1 January of the year in which their application is being considered. Career breaks will be considered, for instance due to parental leave or extended sickness leave. Documentation should be supplied to support any claim for exemption to the 15 year post-PhD eligibility rule.

To apply, please follow the application guidelines below and complete the [Airtable application form](#) by **31 July 2022**. Applicants can apply directly or can be nominated. This and other NZAS Awards application guidelines can also be found at www.scientists.org.nz/awards

Name(s) of Applicant(s) (including title and position in organisation)

Name(s) of Nominator(s) (if relevant)

Date of PhD

Postal address of contact person

Email address

Phone number

Citation of about 200 words, summarizing the science underlying the application. Examples of the citations for previous awards are on the NZAS website.

Statement of 2000 – 3000 words in support of the application, explaining the significance of the applicant's contributions relevant to this award. This should be written in plain language, suitable for judges with a general scientific background; include no more than 20 references.

Curriculum vitae (brief) of Applicant(s).

You may also include:

- Up to three statements in support of the application by other scientists
- Names and contact details of people knowledgeable in the field of the application, from whom the Judges may seek advice. Any relationship between the applicant and supporters or possible referees should be declared.

Notes

- Any New Zealand citizen or resident may apply for this award.
- New applications for this award will remain valid for three successive NZAS Medal rounds from the date of submission but only up to 15 years post-PhD unless extended by a career break. It is expected that applications are updated annually to remain current.
- In the event that the Judge(s) determine that they cannot distinguish between applications on the basis of scientific merit then preference will be given to members of the New Zealand Association of Scientists
- Please address any enquiries to awards@scientists.org.nz