

SCIENTIA TRUST – PLANET EARTH FUND – Call for Research Proposals

Biography

Wellingtonian, George Eiby was a man of wide interests. A noted seismologist who worked for most of his life at the former Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), he became known internationally as New Zealand's foremost authority on historical earthquakes. He was also active in fostering the development of seismology both in New Zealand and in the wider South West Pacific region. "Earthquakes", a book he wrote in 1957, ran to five editions and became a standard textbook on the subject.

George was a keen and active astronomer, being one of the first in the Southern Hemisphere to employ the technique of photoelectric photometry, whilst he also served extensively on the Carter Observatory Board.

The Scientia Trust – Planet Earth Fund was established through the will of George Eiby on 15 February 1993.

Under the terms of his will, George Eiby directed the trustee to establish a Trust Fund to encourage the study of earthquakes, of the bulk properties, astronomical motions, and internal structure of the Earth, and of the history of those studies.

Funding Application Guidelines: - Period and Processing of Funding

- Applications are called for as funds permit. Proposals for the next funding cycle will be accepted from **12th September 2017 to 31st October 2017**.
- The amount to be distributed this year is approximately **\$200,000**. A minimum funding level is **\$20,000**
- All applications must be completed via the online application form at **www.perpetualguardian.co.nz/philanthropy/grants-and-scholarships**.
- The length of the assessment process is dependent on the volume of applications and all applicants are notified of the decision. During the assessment period, trustees may request further clarification from the applicant regarding their application. It is planned that decisions on proposals to be funded will be made by **15 December 2017**, with funding available from **1 January 2018**.

Regrettably, we are unable to provide detailed feedback on unsuccessful applications. Please note the decision of the Trustees is final and not subject to any appeals process.