

## J D STOUT CHARITABLE ESTATE (THE STOUT TRUST)

### Biography

John David Stout (1925-1982) was a scientist with broad interests in science, history and culture.

Born in Wellington he studied medicine at Otago University but was forced to relinquish his medical studies and returned to Wellington and studied Zoology at Victoria University College, eventually gaining his PhD in 1953.

John Stout's work and publications led him to the forefront of biological soil science. Some of his almost 100 publications represent significant advances or turning points in soil zoology which will be referred to for many years.

Apart from his scientific work, John Stout had wide cultural interests and contributed to many societies and meetings. He was the editor of *New Zealand Soil News* for 15 years, on the editorial board of *Pedobiologia* for 14 years and made valuable contributions to the running of the scientific programme of the Soil Bureau.

His final project, the Stout Trust, continues his contributions to New Zealand's scientific, cultural and environmental heritage.

### Funding Application Guidelines

On his death in 1982, Dr John Stout under his will set up a trust in memory of the Stout family and its wide interests in New Zealand, that would promote and preserve this country's environmental and cultural heritage in a variety of ways. These include the preservation of natural and historic sites or amenities for public enjoyment and the promotion, creation or preservation of visual, audio and literary works of art.

Applications for funding may be made at any time but they will be held over for consideration at the annual meetings of the Stout Trust Advisory Boards. The deadline for applications is the 30th June each year

Only applications from charitable organisations will be accepted. Applications from other groups or organisations will be considered if applied for through the auspices of a charitable organisation.

Aspects of applications which are given weight are:

- whether the likely results of the programme are in accord with the Stout Trust's objectives
- the competency of the applicant organisation and its people
- the feasibility of the proposed plan
- payments to a successful applicant may be made in one sum or can be paid in installments.
- Grants are charitable donations therefore do not include a GST portion

Applicants must complete the Perpetual Guardian discretionary application form and provide as much information as possible to accompany the application. For example, an historic building project must show evidence of a conservation plan.

The trust also offers fellowships at the John David Stout Research Centre for the Study of New Zealand Society, History and Culture at Victoria University, helps to fund publications and makes donations to a range of projects.

The trust particularly encourages innovative ideas and seeks to encourage a few major enterprises rather than contributing to many smaller ventures. Enterprises that receive support should preferably be wide-ranging and encompass several disciplines.

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### Period and Processing of Funding

- Applications to be considered as a recipient for funding are assessed annually. The next granting cycle will be from **20 May 2016 – 30 June 2016**.
- All applications must be completed via the attached online application form.
- 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.
- Applicants will be notified in October 2016.

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