



**Graduate
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OTAGO DAPHNE PURVES AWARDS

APPLICATION PACK

Otago Daphne Purves Awards were established to celebrate the life of Dame Daphne Purves (1908-2008). Members of the Graduate Women Otago (GWO) or Independent members of Graduate Women New Zealand (GWNZ) resident in Otago or Southland can apply.

Applications close each year on **15 February and 15 July**.

Read all the material supplied in this Application Pack so that you are conversant with both the ethos and the procedures associated with Otago Daphne Purves Awards. If you decide to apply for this Award, allow yourself plenty of time to assemble material and complete your application. Submit each page of your application on a separate sheet of A4 paper.

The following items are included in this **Application Pack**:

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Notes about Dame Daphne Purves for whom the Awards are named.

Daphne Helen Purves D.B.E., M.A.

Daphne was born in Dunedin on 8 November 1908 as the eldest child of Irvine Watson Cowie and Helen Cowie (nee Crawford). Both parents had a high regard for education. Daphne attended Anderson's Bay Primary School and Otago Girls' High School and studied at Otago University from 1927 to 1930 graduating in 1931 with 1st class Honours in English and French.

Admired and respected as a teacher all her life, she first taught at Waitaki and Otago Girls' High Schools. In 1939 she married Herbert Dudley ("Dick") Purves, an endocrinologist at the Otago Medical School who was destined to have an illustrious career in medical research, achieving international recognition and the award of an honorary degree from the University of Otago and a C.M.G. The birth of children (Hilary in 1941, Elizabeth in 1943 and Robert in 1947) brought Daphne's teaching career to a temporary close but she became active in broadcasting and the Otago Branch of the Federation of University Women (becoming President in 1951) and was able to return to teaching in 1957 as the only woman staff member (at that time) at Otago Boys' High School. This was followed by three years as an advisor to university students on Department of Education bursaries and in 1966 she was appointed senior lecturer in French at Dunedin Teachers' College where she set up and headed the first language department until her retirement in 1973.

In 1962 she became President of the NZFUW and in 1965 commenced her involvement with the IFUW (International Federation of University Women, now Graduate Women International [GWI]), first as a member of its Cultural Relations Committee and then as its Convener. From there she moved onto the Board of the IFUW serving as 3rd and 1st Vice-Presidents (1971-1977) and finally becoming President in 1977, the first woman from the Southern Hemisphere to do so. Her work for the IFUW took her to some 40 different countries, attending conferences and encouraging and advising national Federations. She was an indefatigable traveller and a champion of the rights of women everywhere. At the same time, she served on the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO for 4 years from 1964 and on its sub-committee for education for a further 10 years. Wishing to be involved as well in a specifically New Zealand project she spent some years (1978-82) working for the New Zealand National Commission for the Year of the Child. In 1979 her achievements were crowned by the award of Dame Commander of the British Empire. The award specified "for services to the community" but it is certain that being President of the IFUW played a major role.

In her retirement from public life, Daphne dedicated her energies to her family, to playing bridge and croquet (becoming an umpire) and attending University Extension classes. She retained her love of travelling well into her nineties and attended an IFUW Conference in Graz in 1998. She died on 15 October 2008, a few weeks short of her hundredth birthday.

These notes were written for our Application Pack by Dame Daphne's daughter, Hilary Purves. We thank Hilary and her sister Elizabeth and brother Robert for the support they gave the Branch as it established the Otago Daphne Purves Awards.



OTAGO DAPHNE PURVES AWARDS DESCRIPTION AND CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

Otago Daphne Purves Awards celebrate Dame Daphne Purves (1908-2008). Dame Daphne was President of IFUW (International Federation of University Women; now GWI, Graduate Women International) from 1977-1980. She was a member of, the then, NZFGW (Otago Branch) and valued education for girls and women.

The Awards were established by, the then, NZFGW (Otago Branch) in 2009 to celebrate Dame Daphne's life by acknowledging contributions of experience and research made by women who, in their personal or professional practice, also support GWO, GWNZ and GWI goals.

Up to four Otago Daphne Purves Awards may be made each year to GWO members or Independent members of GWNZ resident in Otago or Southland regardless of their age, career prospects, or occupation. They are offered to enable women to participate in conferences, meetings, courses, workshops, or events, in New Zealand or overseas, to contribute material from their experience or research and to gain expertise, ideas or professional development that will benefit their communities of interest.

Application for an Otago Daphne Purves Award may be made several times in a member's life. While GWO will wish to exercise discretion and fairness in granting subsequent awards, it may choose to respond to events, societal or personal, that have affected a candidate's circumstances. Examples include limited opportunities for promotion; limited opportunities for employer support; outcomes of decisions about additional commitments in caring situations; acceptance of changes in career, employment, social relationships, or income.

Preference is given to women who do not have easy access to other sources of funding and who have an income insufficient to support such activities. Each award is a **maximum of \$4000**.

1. The closing dates for applications are **15 February and 15 July**.
2. Applicants must be **fully paid up financial members** of either Graduate Women Otago or Independent members of Graduate Women New Zealand who are resident in Otago or Southland for at least the six months immediately prior to the relevant application closing date.
3. Awards are available only to current residents of Otago or Southland.
4. Awards cannot be granted retrospectively.

5. Recipients of a Travel Award, or of an Otago Daphne Purves Award, or of a GWO, or a GWNZ or a GWI award with a value greater than \$1000 will not be eligible to apply for a first or subsequent Otago Daphne Purves Award for at least four years after accepting the previous award.

6. No awards will be made if there are no suitable applicants. This Award is not available for Ph.D. or Masters candidates.

7. Applicants must apply on the prescribed application form (currently dated March, 2023) to which no changes may be made in formatting or length. If additional material is appended to the Application it must not exceed, in length or content, the limits set in the Guidelines for making an Otago Daphne Purves Award application (currently dated March, 2023). If these requirements are disregarded the application will be considered invalid.

8. Information supplied by the applicant and obtained from referees will be confidential to this Award's Selection Panel except as agreed in the Privacy Statement submitted with the Application and signed by the applicant.

9. Notification may take up to eight weeks after closing date.

10. Awards will not be paid out until evidence of the planned project has been received, namely, a copy of travel tickets and copies of acceptance of event registration(s) and formal contribution(s), and/or copies of other receipts relevant to the project.

11. Award recipients are required to submit a 200-300 word report within a month of the completion of their project, and to be willing to speak about it publicly if requested.

12. Awards are made by the Branch Committee on recommendations received from this Award's Selection Panel. Branch Committee decisions are final. If further correspondence and/or communications are received they will be circulated to all members of the Selection Panel and the relevant subcommittees of the Branch Committee and brought to the attention of the Branch Committee.



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OTAGO DAPHNE PURVES AWARD APPLICATION

Name in full:

Date of birth:

Address:

Phone numbers: (Home)
(Daytime)

Email:

Degree(s) held with place(s) and year(s) conferred:

Length of residence in Otago/Southland:

Income: Record the following information concerning your financial situation, in NZ\$:

- a) Personal gross income/financial support for current year: NZ\$

- b) Source (e.g. wages, salary, scholarship, etc.):

- c) Household gross income for current year if different from above: NZ\$

- d) Annual amount of any compulsory student debt repayments: NZ\$

- e) Employment Record your position(s), full- or part-time status, and place(s) of employment or write N/A.

- f) Dependents Record each dependent's relationship to you, age, and extent of financial dependency on you.

Please list Graduate Women Otago, (or the previous organisations NZFGW (Otago Branch), NZFGW, IFUW) or GWNZ, or GWI awards received previously. Include the award name, the year granted, and the dollar value of the amount received.

Please declare all funding applications you have made, or may make, for the project for which you are making this Otago Daphne Purves Award application. List all outcomes.

Project Description. Please describe your project, list personal and/or professional experiences relevant to your intentions and plans, and note any anticipated outcomes.

Please indicate how you plan to apply and/or communicate – in your life or work, and in your communities of interest and affiliation – the benefits of undertaking your project.

Please note here any additional information that you consider relevant to the questions asked thus far and wish members of the committee to know.

Please list place(s) you wish to visit and/or name event(s), conference(s), etc. you wish to attend, giving date(s) and location(s); OR explain your anticipated project expenses.

Please describe any formal contribution you will make at event(s) you wish to attend. (E.g. identify a role as facilitator or invited visitor, give the title of a presentation, etc.)

Please give known and estimated expenses:

TOTAL: \$

Amount requested from Otago Daphne Purves Award: \$

Please give names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of two referees:

Name
Address
Email
Phone

Name
Address
Email
Phone

Please act to ensure that your Application is supported by written Referees' Reports sent **INDEPENDENTLY** to: The Convener, Otago Daphne Purves Awards Selection Panel:
Confidential. Email: admin@gwotago.co.nz

Privacy Statement

The information you have supplied in your Otago Daphne Purves Award Application to GWO will be used solely for the purpose of assessing your application. Personal information contained in this application and in references from your nominated referees will be made available only to members of the Otago Daphne Purves Awards Selection Panel (see Clause 8, Otago Daphne Purves Awards Description and Criteria for Eligibility document). General information about your project and relevant experience will be made available to the Branch Committee as required during their process of final decision.

Any other correspondence and/or communications regarding the Application will be circulated to all members of the Selection Panel and the relevant subcommittees of the Branch Committee, and brought to the attention of the Branch Committee (see Clause 12, Otago Daphne Purves Awards Description and Criteria for Eligibility document).

If your application is successful, we shall confirm with you the wording of the announcement of your success. We shall make your Project Description, Abstract(s) and Report(s) available at GWO meetings and may use them for publicity purposes in the media, the GWO Newsletter and website, and GWNZ and GWI publications and websites.

Name of applicant:

Please sign and date the following Privacy Statement.

- I agree to the conditions of the Privacy Statement printed above in respect to my application for a GWO Otago Daphne Purves Award.
- If my application is successful, I agree to allow my name, Project Description, Abstract(s), Report(s) and information approved by me to be available at GWO meetings and used for publicity purposes in the media, the GWO monthly Newsletter and website, and in GWNZ and GWI publications and websites.

Signed:

Date:

Please sign and date the following verification statement.

- I have read and understood the regulations and procedures of the Graduate Women Otago, Otago Daphne Purves Awards as described in the Description and Criteria for Eligibility document, in the prescribed Application form, and in the other information and guidelines given in the GWO Otago Daphne Purves Awards Application Pack (currently dated March 2023) and I agree to abide by them.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Send your Application to:

The Convener, Otago Daphne Purves Awards Selection Panel: Confidential, to
admin@gwotago.co.nz



Who can apply for an Otago Daphne Purves Award?

Otago Daphne Purves Awards were created to encourage members to do something special. Project ideas of the Branch members who established the Awards included: volunteering at a charitable site; following up less career-focussed aspects of one's research or interests; upgrading qualifications after time out of a profession; self-publishing a book written at home; finding personal refreshment; establishing collaborative links with colleagues; undertaking an optional course of study.

Guidelines for making an Otago Daphne Purves Award application

Read our questions carefully and edit your responses to fit the spaces provided. No changes may be made to either the length or format of the application form provided. Please note that the length of the spaces provided for answers are considered to be as much a part of the formatting as the questions, margins, etc.

If you cannot edit your response(s) to fit the space(s) given, you may append one extra page with **up to 600 words**, describing your project, research, and/or relevant aspects of your situation. Note, though, that we much prefer to receive applications edited to fit the form.

If the prescribed form is changed and/or more than one extra page is appended your application will be considered invalid.

The following notes may help you assemble, edit and report your responses to the questions we ask.

1. Responses to the questions on the first page of the application form

We are interested in applicants' circumstances because our support is based on notions of charity rather than on notions of reward. Thus, women who cannot access funding from other sources and/or have a lower personal income and/or have little discretion in spending their income may be given preference over those who have, or have had, significant opportunities for support. Be unabashed and straightforward in answering. Note that we require responses about finances to be given in New Zealand dollars rather than by description only. If you think a response may raise queries, describe any extenuating circumstances. For example, it would be useful for the Selection Panel to know if you live on a fixed income (Superannuation, tertiary education allowance, benefit, etc.) that is unlikely to change significantly in the future, or to know if a parent or a child of any age who suffers from a disability who will need additional emotional and financial support in your absence.

2. Responses to the questions on the second page of the application form

Describe your project's purpose, structure, proposed visits and anticipated outcomes as succinctly as you can. Back this up by ensuring that your referees understand your intentions and plans.

3. Responses to the questions on the third page of the application form

When listing known, and estimated expenses focus on travel, accommodation, registration(s), and items specific to your project. If travel is not a major contributor to your project's expenses, give information that explains and justifies the expenses you list. Incidentals including food, insurance, conference dinners, etc., **should not be included** in your total costs as they will not be taken into account by the Selection Panel. In decision-making about travel, the Selection Panel will take into account the lowest known current fare to your destination(s). Note that most people who agree to be referees will be glad to

receive a copy of the Description and Eligibility Criteria and the Application form for awards for which they are named as referees.

4. **Responses to the requests on the fourth page of the application form**

Remember to sign and date as indicated to show that you have read and understood the Privacy Statement and to sign and date again to show that you have read and understood the Graduate Women Otago, Otago Daphne Purves Awards Description and Criteria for Eligibility and all other information in the Otago Daphne Purves Awards Application Pack (currently dated March, 2023).