

The Marsden Fund

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Marsden Council

Panel Convenor

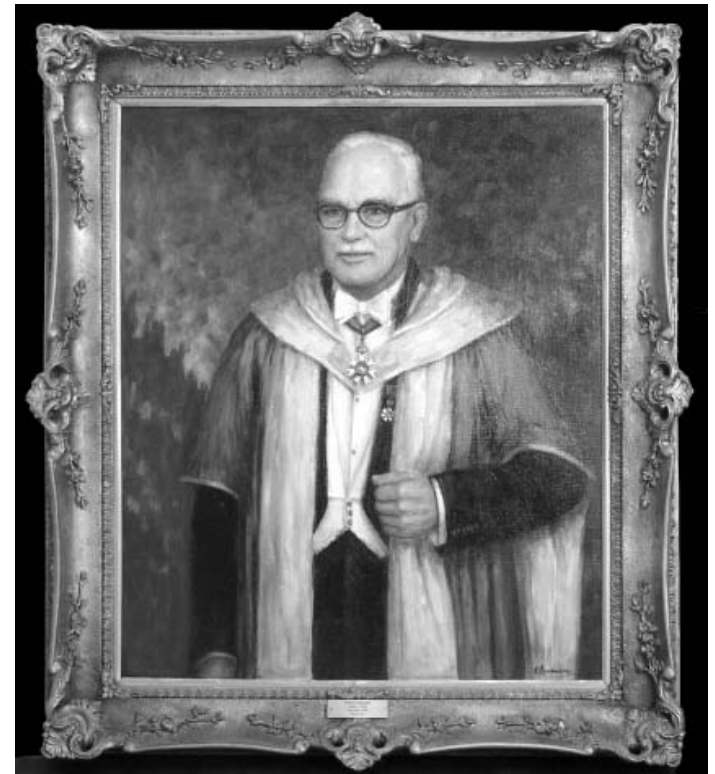
Economics and Human & Behavioural Sciences

Marsden Fund Background

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The Fund was named after Sir Ernest Marsden, who was a student of Ernest Rutherford and who was the founding Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) from 1926-1947. Marsden was a scientific leader whose lively imagination and new and provocative ideas epitomise what the Fund stands for.



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Funding



The Fund was established by the Government in 1994 and is administered by the Royal Society of New Zealand.

- July 2007 - June 2008 = \$35.88 m (plus GST)
- July 2008 - June 2009 = \$37.88 m (plus GST)

Marsden Fund Council



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Marsden Fund Assessment Panels

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The Marsden Fund Council is chaired by Dr Garth Carnaby.

Each of the remaining council members chairs a panel:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Cellular, Molecular and Physiological Biology
- Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour
- Economics and Human & Behavioural Sciences
- Earth Sciences and Astronomy
- Mathematical and Information Sciences
- Physical Sciences and Engineering
- Social Sciences
- Humanities

In addition to the Chair, each panel includes 7-8 members



What is the Marsden Fund for?

- Blue-skies research that supports new ideas and research excellence
- High quality innovative research, not subject to Government priorities
- Ambitious projects at the international cutting edge of the discipline
- Projects that enhance knowledge and understanding

What the Marsden Fund is NOT for?

- A general fund for basic research
- A research career structure
- A general post-graduate or post-doctoral fund
- A general promotional or travel fund
- A general equipment fund
- A general data collection fund

Marsden Fund Key Criteria

Proposals are unrestricted provided the research is carried out in New Zealand, or if necessary to be carried out elsewhere, by New Zealand-based researchers.

Selection criteria:

- **Merit of the proposal**
- Potential of researchers to contribute to the advancement of knowledge
- Development and broadening of research skills in New Zealand, especially those of emerging researchers

Assessment Process

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Preliminary Proposal (evaluated by panel)

Fast-Start

Standard

Full Proposal

Referee Reports (independent experts)

Applicant Response

Panel Meeting and Discussion

Success Rate

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Preliminary Proposal Stage = 20-25%

Full Proposal Stage = 40%

Overall = 10%

Fast Starts (overall) = 12.9% (2007)

Standard (overall) = 9.4% (2007)

2008 Timetable

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8 Feb	Closing date - Preliminary Proposals
23 April	Invitations for Full Proposals
28 May	Closing date for Full Proposals
late June	Referees' reports returned to the Marsden Fund
7 July	Referees' reports available on web
23 July	Closing date for applicants' responses to referees' reports
23 Sept	Results announced

The Marsden team

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