

## Professor Douglas Paton Distinguished DRR Dissertation Publication Award

Inspiring, fostering and guiding future generations of scholars in the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) space was of greatest importance to the late Professor Douglas Paton. He supervised 33 PhD students from around the world, gently guiding them through the design, implementation and publishing stages of their research projects. However, Douglas also recognised that the findings of many substantive and cutting-edge PhD projects around the world are unfortunately never published. Douglas found it regrettable that this knowledge—that would contribute vital information to people and communities building their individual and collective adaptive capacities, reducing the risk of disasters, staying safe when disasters occur, and recovering and rebuilding/regenerating effectively after disasters—is often lost.

With this *Professor Douglas Paton Distinguished DRR Dissertation Publication Award* we aim to continue Douglas' legacy and honour his wish for emerging scholars to publish their critically important findings to create a safer world in which all creatures thrive.

The *Professor Douglas Paton Distinguished DRR Dissertation Publication Award* commends annually a distinguished doctoral dissertation that exemplifies the best of scholarly inquiry and knowledge creation, and contributes to DRR and individual and collective adaptive capacity building.

The *Douglas Paton Distinguished DRR Dissertation Publication Award* has three aims:

- to recognize and honour emerging scholars who utilize, build upon and extend the extensive interdisciplinary body of knowledge the late Professor Douglas Paton created, together with many researchers around the world, including his all-hazard and cross-cultural theories,
- to acknowledge and nurture curiosity and love of learning, creating and applying knowledge with integrity, humility and compassion, and asking meaningful questions that challenge the status quo, and
- to assist PhD students in sharing the knowledge they create widely with diverse and as wide as possible audiences within and outside academia to create a safer world in which all people and creatures can thrive.

The recipient of the *Professor Douglas Paton Distinguished DRR Dissertation Publication Award* will be awarded up to US\$ 3000 to be used for paying publication fees for a Q1 open access journal.

The *Professor Douglas Paton Distinguished DRR Dissertation Publication Award* will be conferred annually at the Massey University's Joint Centre for Disaster Research (JCDR) annual Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Summer School, and the recipient's name, dissertation title and abstract will be published on the [Joint Centre for Disaster Research](#) website.

An international panel of researchers highly familiar with Professor Douglas Paton's body of work will assess the applications and select the awardee.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, the following criteria must be met:

- a PhD conferred less than 3 years before the submission deadline, and
- this PhD must utilize, build upon and extend the extensive interdisciplinary body of knowledge the late Professor Douglas Paton created, including his all-hazard and cross-cultural theories.

Indigenous PhD students and PhD students from lower income countries are especially encouraged to apply.

### **Application Submission Deadline**

None - call open throughout the year. Please submit applications at any time. Decisions will be made by 30 November each year.

### **Application Process**

To apply, submit the following electronically to [JCDR.Enquiry@massey.ac.nz](mailto:JCDR.Enquiry@massey.ac.nz):

- an application letter that specifies:
  - your background
  - how your PhD utilized, builds upon and extends the extensive interdisciplinary body of knowledge that Professor Douglas Paton and his colleagues created, including his all-hazard and cross-cultural theories
  - the name of the open-access Q1 journal in which you intend to publish your findings
- your dissertation
- two references that briefly
  - assess the quality of your dissertation and the contribution that your PhD project makes to utilizing, building upon and extending the work of Professor Douglas Paton and his colleagues, and
  - outline how you exemplify curiosity and love of learning, creating and applying knowledge with integrity, humility and compassion, and asking meaningful questions that challenge the status quo.

### **Payment of Award**

Once we receive the invoice for the open access journal publication fee from you, we will pay the journal direct.