

Professor Douglas Paton Distinguished Researcher Lifetime Legacy Award

The late Professor Douglas Paton greatly valued genuine scholarship and leaving behind a legacy that contributes to making the world a better place. He was phenomenally prolific in developing and testing a comprehensive all-hazard and cross-cultural universal disaster theory spanning disaster risk reduction, preparedness, response, recovery, and rebuilding, adaptive individual and collective capacity building, and emergency management. The outstanding body of knowledge the late Professor Douglas Paton created became highly influential internationally and contributed to saving and improving the lives of many people across the world. His extraordinary body of work will stand as his lasting legacy.

With this *Professor Douglas Paton Distinguished Researcher Life-time Legacy Award* we aim to acknowledge and honour researchers towards the end of their career who:

- embody and exemplify genuine scholarship,
- have significantly contributed to disaster risk reduction (DRR) by generating an extensive body of DRR knowledge over a sustained period of time that has had an outstanding impact on creating a safer world in which all creatures co-exist in harmony and thrive,
- value curiosity and love of learning, create and apply knowledge with integrity, humility and compassion, and ask meaningful questions that challenge the status quo, and/or
- 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.

The *Douglas Paton Distinguished Researcher Life-time Legacy Award* will be conferred annually at Massey University's Joint Centre for Disaster Research (JCDR) annual Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Summer School, and the name, bio and acceptance speech of the recipient will be published on the [Joint Centre for Disaster Research](#) website.

An international panel of distinguished DRR researchers, who are also highly familiar with Professor Paton's body of work, will assess the applications and select the awardee.

This award has no specific funding attached but draws its priceless value from being a very high honour and thus highly prestigious.

Application Submission Deadline

31 October annually, with call open from 1 August - 31 October.

Application and Selection Process

Researchers who believe that they fulfil the above criteria can self-nominate or researchers can nominate another researcher who they believe fulfils the above criteria.

To apply or nominate a researcher, please submit the following to JCDR.Enquiry@massey.ac.nz using the subject line *EMI Paton Distinguished Researcher Life-time Legacy Award*:

- a cover letter outlining:
 - your background or the background of the researcher you are nominating

- how you or the researcher you are nominating fulfil the above criteria (up to 2 pages)
- a full Curriculum Vitae, including publications
- an outline of the impacts of your work or the impact of the researcher you are nominating (up to 2 pages)
- references from two internationally recognised leaders in the DRR space that outline how you or the nominated researcher fulfils the above criteria (up to 2 pages per reference).