

## Te Oranga Wai Award



**Interpretation of 'Te Oranga Wai'**

*"The path where the gift of water comes down to nourish the land"  
"Ka heke koe i a Hine-Kohu, i a Hine-te-horangi, ka tau ana koe ko Hine-parawhenua"*

**Water Industry Operations Group NZ in partnership with Thermo Fisher Scientific is seeking application for the Te Oranga Wai Award.**

WIOG has a vision of promoting education, interaction and information sharing within the water industry. Our goals include: Provision of opportunities for the recognition of individual achievements of both Members and other practitioners employed in the water industry; to be actively involved in the development, implementation and promotion of knowledge and experience to the industry; and improving either workplace efficiencies or imparting knowledge and skills on to others in less fortunate cultures to improve living standards.

This is an opportunity to share your innovative ideas with other Members. Applications for the Te Oranga Wai prize are now open No prerequisite exists, just a drive for self- improvement or improvement of the wider water industry.

This award is open to all current individual WIOG Members. Corporate Supporters are not eligible however individual Members employed by Corporate Supporters may apply.

**Applicant Information:**

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

City:

Postcode:

Telephone (AH):

Telephone (Work):

Mobile:

E-mail address:

**Requirements:**

**Applicants are asked to submit a report on one of the following:**

[Written or recorded (audio and/or video) materials will be accepted]

1. A project related to the New Zealand water or wastewater industries and provide details on how the project could benefit the industry (ideas need not be limited to treatment plants but can be ideas based on education, community awareness, human resources, research etc); or
2. Ways in which you have personally contributed to the community through your work experience etc, within the water or wastewater industries and provide details how this could be applied to help improve the water or wastewater system in a developing country.

Applicants are asked to supply:

- A copy of their report along with a completed application form. (Please provide three copies of all materials submitted).

**The Prize:** to be awarded annually, with a value of up to \$5,000 to the most outstanding Applicant. The Prize recipient and the activity undertaken will be recognised at the WIOG Annual Conference and in various water industry publications.

### Summary of Selection Criteria for Judges

- Creativity / Innovation
- Practicality
- Benefit to the personal development of the Applicant
- Benefit to the water industry, community and/or employer
- Application presentation

**Important:** Please read before submitting your application

- The application and all attachments (2 copies) must be received by the Executive Officer by the advertised closing date.
- Any applications received after this date will not be considered.
- The declaration must be signed and all Applicants must read and agree to the Conditions under which this Prize will be awarded before applying for the Prize.
- Where you are interested in the experience in working in a developing country it is recommended that you discuss the Prize and its conditions with your employer (As your employers support is required).

### Conditions under which this Prize will be awarded:

- It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that there will be no infringement of copyright or patents associated with any activities undertaken as part of the Prize.
- It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the appropriate amount of leave from work is available in order to undertake the activities associated with the Prize. This must be in the form of employer approved time off, or through an appropriate accrual of annual leave.
- Neither WIOG nor Thermo Fisher Scientific will be liable for any loss or damage (including but not limited to direct or consequential loss) whatsoever or for any personal injury suffered or sustained by the Applicant in connection with the Prize or the Application.
- Neither WIOG nor Thermo Fisher Scientific guarantees, represents or warrants to the Applicant that any project, including the winning project, will be commercialised. Neither WIOG nor Thermo Fisher Scientific makes any guarantee, representation or warranty to the Applicant that it will assist the Applicant in any way whatsoever in relation to any commercialisation of the Applicant's project.

- All or parts of application submissions (excluding the personal profile) may be used by WIOG in various publicity mediums and/or functions.
- Short-listed Applicants must attend an interview with the judging panel at a mutually agreed time and place. All reasonable costs associated with attending the interview will be reimbursed to Applicants under special circumstances.
- The judging panel reserves the right not to award the Prize in any given year if, in their opinion, the applications do not meet an acceptable standard.
- The decision of the judging panel is final and cannot be contested.
- WIOG will administer the Prize fund and will book any travel and accommodation where the applicant requires this as part of the administration of their Prize.
- Where WIOG provides the funding sought by the applicant on a lump sum basis. The Applicant is responsible for substantiating all monies expended and must return Tax invoices or receipts to the value of the issued sum to WIOG. Any unsubstantiated sums must be returned to WIOG.
- Neither WIOG nor Thermo Fisher Scientific accept any responsibility for any tax implications that may arise from winning the Prize.
- It is the responsibility of the Applicant to obtain a passport and Visa (if required) if overseas travel is proposed in the Prize application. Any costs of obtaining a passport are considered included in the Prize value.
- The Prize winner will be required to present a minimum of one report, either written or oral, on the activity undertaken.

If the Applicant is unable to accept the Prize within the year awarded all rights to the Prize will be forfeited and the judging panel have the discretion to award the Prize to the runner up.

**Applicant's Declaration:**

I have read and understood the Conditions under which this Prize will be awarded and if selected, I agree to undertake my nominated activity in accordance with these conditions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Once you have completed the form please scan and email to [info@wiog.org.nz](mailto:info@wiog.org.nz)