**Environmental Law Initiative (ELI) Research Fund**

**2022 Application Form**

The ELI Trust is a New Zealand Charitable Trust established to make a positive difference to the protection of New Zealand ecosystems and biodiversity through the application and improvement of New Zealand environmental law. In 2020, the Trust established the ELI research fund to support Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington academic staff and students undertaking research relating to the ELI mission. The fund is administered by the Faculty of Law, but a wide range of disciplines across law, science and social science research are eligible for funding.

The ELI research fund will fund research assistants, summer scholarships and may, at the discretion of ELI, fund the time of student researchers over and above that required for their programme of study. Funded projects will be selected by an external selection panel whose decision will be final. Funding up to $30,000 per application may be awarded, with projects commencing between 1 September and 1 December 2022, for a maximum period of 12 months.

ELI encourages staff and students to discuss project ideas before developing an application, to ensure that proposals are aligned with the mission of ELI. Staff and students may contact Dr Matthew Hall (matt.hall@eli.org.nz) to discuss project ideas and proposals. Enquiries about the application process can be directed to Allison Kay (allison.kay@vuw.ac.nz).

The full application guidelines for the 2022 round are available [here](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/law/news-and-events/news/environmental-law-initiative-offers-research-funding/ELI-Research-Fund-application-guidance-Mar-2022.docx).

**Applicant(s) details**

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| Contact details (address, email, phone) |
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| Are you receiving any funds for this research from other sources? Please detail amounts and sources |
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**Project details**

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| Project title |
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| **Project proposal**Briefly describe your project, including 1) project objectives 2) project activities (including proposed methods/data collection and/or analysis) and any collaborators 3) justification for the project (i.e., why does the research need to be done now and why are you best placed to do it?) (max.500 words).  |
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| **Alignment with ELI’s mission**Briefly describe how your research will help further the mission of the Environmental Law Initiative (max. 250 words) |
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| **Project Outcomes**What will be the outcomes from the proposed project? How will you know when the outcomes are achieved? (max. 300 words). |
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| **Project Outputs and Dissemination**What will be the outputs from the proposed project? e.g. reports, academic articles, media articles, statement of claim. How will you disseminate these outputs? (max. 300 words). |
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**Project timetable**

*Please outline your project timetable with key milestones.*

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**Budget and justification**

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| **Budget and Justification**Please provide details of the expected costs of your project. Use the rates in the Appendix and attach Head of School approval for any requests for teaching or marking relief. *Please justify each budget line; detail exactly what items you require and justify each amount as accurately as you can.*  |
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**Attachments**

Please attach the following:

1) Head of School approval for any requests for teaching or marking relief

2) a summary CV that outlines your experience relevant to your application; where applicable, include some relevant previous publications (max. 3 pages).

[Note that the maximum word and page limits do not need to be used to the full extent; they are maxima, not expectations nor guidelines.]

**Agreement**

The following agreement is part of the application process. If your application is granted, in total or in part, a signed copy of this agreement will be returned to you. The agreement is not legally effective unless it is signed on behalf of Victoria University of Wellington.

I, *(your name)* agree that any funds received from the Environmental Law Initiative Research Fund will be used as follows:

* The grant will be used only for the purposes and activities described in the application.
* I will provide Victoria University of Wellington with reports as described in this application on the use of the funds.
* Iwill not use the grant directly or indirectly to induce or encourage violations of law or public policy or improper private benefit.
* The laws of New Zealand govern this grant.

 **Agreed and accepted by:**

*Signature of applicant* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Agreed and accepted by:**

*Signature of representative of Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington*

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