

NEW ZEALAND RURAL LEADERSHIP TRUST BOARD

ASSOCIATE TRUSTEE POSITION 2021

The Board of Trustees for the New Zealand Rural Leadership Trust (responsible for governing the Nuffield Scholarships and Kellogg Rural Leadership Programmes) wish to appoint an Associate Trustee as a governance development opportunity. This role is open to Nuffield and Kellogg Alumni.

The Associate Trustee will have the opportunity to:

- a. Sit on the Board and gain greater understanding of governance processes under an experienced Board.
- b. Provide input into the development of two of the leading rural leadership programmes in New Zealand.
- c. Provide insights and perspective as a recent graduate of the programme(s).

The Role

The position is included fully in all Board activities, events and meetings. The Associate Trustee is expected to fully contribute to all Board discussions and actions as if they were a Board member of the organisation and attend events associated with the role. However, the role has no voting rights.

Eligibility

The Associate Trustee role is open to Alumni of the New Zealand Rural Leadership Trust who completed their programme between 2016 – 2020, inclusive.

Term

The term of appointment is for a twelve-month calendar year (January – December), which provides an opportunity to cover a full year of operations. There are five Board meetings annually and several events. Most events are held in Christchurch or Wellington.

Flight and accommodation costs are covered, where applicable.

The Board meeting schedule is:

- a. 16 February (Christchurch)
- b. Mid April (Christchurch)
- c. Late June (Christchurch)
- d. Early September - includes Nuffield shortlisting process (Wellington)
- e. Early November - includes Nuffield Scholar Awards and orientation (Wellington)

Our programmes:



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Remuneration

There is no remuneration or payment, however all direct costs (such as flights and accommodation where required) of meeting attendance will be met.

Confidentiality & Conduct

Upon appointment the Associate Trustee will be asked to sign a confidentially agreement.

Although the position is not an appointed Trustee of the New Zealand Rural Leadership Trust, the appointee is expected to adhere to the code of conduct of a Board member.

The Associate Director is expected to comply with any reasonable directions of the NZRLT concerning their role.

Application

Interested scholars must forward their application **by Friday 22 January 2021 to chrisparsons@ruralleaders.co.nz**

Applications should be in writing, with a CV and a covering letter with the following;

- a. The reasons for applying for the role
- b. What you expect to gain from the opportunity, including how the opportunity would contribute to your leadership goals
- c. How you might contribute to the Board's skills, experience and perspectives.

Appointment process

An appointments sub-committee (a delegated committee of the Board) and the Chief Executive will consider all applications and provide a recommendation to the full Board who will approve the appointment.

The successful Associate Trustee will be notified by 01 February and will be invited to attend the **16 February Board meeting** in Christchurch and subsequent meetings and events.

For any questions please contact:

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