

Margaret May Blackwell Travel Fellowship 2026

Instructions for applicants

Applications close 5pm Thursday, June 25.

Please submit applications via email to: comms@nzcer.org.nz

Follow these instructions to apply for the fellowship. The application is made up of four elements, outlined below.

1. A covering letter

The covering letter should introduce the applicant and their intentions for the fellowship, and include:

- Your objectives for the fellowship
- Your ability to benefit from the fellowship
- Your capacity to transmit and disseminate the knowledge that you gain.
- A draft proposed travel itinerary (approximate costing only)
- An instance in your early childhood practice where you feel you made a difference

2. A reference letter

The reference letter should follow the instructions on the Blackwell Referee Form available on the NZCER website [here](#). You may also like to send your referee the information sheet.

You may include the reference letter in your email with the other documents. If your referee sends it to us themselves, please ensure the subject line contains “Blackwell referee” and your name.

3. A brief curriculum vitae

Your curriculum vitae should include any academic study or professional development you have completed or are pursuing. Please ensure the curriculum vitae also includes your:

- Name
- Job
- Name/s of the early childhood or other organisations to which you belong
- Employer

- Contact address (work preferred)
- Contact phone number

4. A signed copy of the agreement on the following page

Agreement to conditions of the Margaret May Blackwell Fellowship

If I receive the fellowship, I will endeavour to complete the funded travel within 12 months of the awarding date.

As a condition of acceptance of the fellowship, I will provide the Margaret May Blackwell bequest trust with a report of the study undertaken within three months of completion of the award.

I am prepared to engage in other forms of dissemination of information including: an interview about my experience for publication purposes, speaking engagements, reporting to media, attending meetings, as appropriate.

Signature

Date
