

Philip Neill Memorial Prize in Music

Established in 1943, this prize is awarded annually for excellence in original composition.

Application is open to all past and present students of New Zealand universities. The prize is valued at \$1,500.

2025 topic and requirements:

The composition must be written for taonga pūoro (one player) and one other instrument/voice from the following list:

- Violin
- Cello
- Mezzo soprano
- Piano

Taonga pūoro may include a wide range of Māori instruments. More details of the instruments and pitch ranges will be available on request – contact jennifer.cattermole@otago.ac.nz

Please also note the following:

- The work should be between 8–15 minutes in duration
- You should include a programme note and any performance notes necessary
- Compositions MUST include a computer-set musical score and a MIDI recording that approximates the sounds of the instruments/voices.

Applications close 1 July 2025.

Prize application and regulations:
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