

CATAPULT COMMUNITY LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP 2020

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY

The 2020 Catapult Community Leaders Scholarship is for four places in our residential leadership programme *Catapult Leadership*, held quarterly in Martinborough. We are looking for individuals dedicated to addressing social problems.

Applicants for the Catapult Community Leaders Scholarship should meet the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated passion and commitment to creating positive social change
2. Grit, courage, and perseverance
3. A minimum of four years work experience including some leadership and management experience
4. Currently working for a not-for-profit organisation in a role with significant scope to influence social change

Applications will be accepted from **1 December 2019 until 29 February 2020**. Late submissions will not be considered. Scholarship recipients will pay for their own transport to Wellington if from outside of Wellington. The scholarship covers travel from Wellington to Martinborough, accommodation, meals, tuition, comprehensive workbook, and follow-up coaching by the programme leader.

APPLICATION

Applications are open from **1 December 2019 until 29 February 2020**.

There are five parts to the application:

- Background Information
- Your CV (no longer than 2 pages)
- Applicant Summary and Overview
- Essay Questions
- Two Professional References

The application form can be downloaded from our website (<http://www.catapult.co.nz/>).

THE SELECTION PROCESS

- **1 December 2019:** Applications open
- **29 February 2020:** Applications close
- **March:** Skype / phone interviews may be scheduled
- **March:** Final candidates selected and offers made for the March, June, September or November 2020 programmes

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Most of the questions you have will be answered below. If you still have questions, please contact philippa@catapult.co.nz.

Beginning Your Application

Download the application form from our website. Please save the form to your computer before you begin typing your responses. Email the final version of the document along with your CV to philippa@catapult.co.nz by the closing date.

Tips

Before you fill out your application, make sure you carefully read through these tips as they're designed to help you submit the best application possible:

- **Be concise.** We're looking for as much information about you as possible, but we realise we don't give you a lot of space. We're more interested in what you have to say rather than how you say it.
- **It's NOT based on academic performance.** The Catapult Community Leaders Scholarship is not an academic scholarship. We're more interested in your experience – what you've done, what you're currently doing, and what you want to do.
- **Show off a little!** We understand it may be difficult for you to talk about your accomplishments, as it might not be polite. However, we need to understand why you're different, exceptional and a change maker.
- **Apply early!** Applications are open for a number of months – don't wait till the last day to submit your application! Submit your application well in advance to avoid any last-minute technical difficulties or connectivity problems.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Name & Contact Information

We will use this information to communicate with you throughout the application process. The most important piece of information is your email address, so please be sure to give an email address that will remain valid for the duration of the process. Your Skype name or phone number will be used if you are selected for a Skype/phone interview which would take place in March 2020.

APPLICANT SUMMARY

Your summary of qualifications is a brief summary of your professional experience. This is also an opportunity to explain why you are applying for the Scholarship and what you would bring if you were chosen.

Applicant Summary Questions (50 words)

1. Why are you applying for the Catapult Community Leaders Scholarship? Why now?
2. How have you demonstrated commitment to bringing about positive social change?
3. Provide a brief summary of your professional background and qualifications.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Please include only your highest or most significant educational achievement. We will learn about your other academic experiences from your resume/CV, so use this section to highlight the qualification that is most relevant to the Scholarship.

WORK EXPERIENCE

To qualify, you need to have over four years of work experience. Your number of years of work experience refers to continuous full-time employment – internships or fellowships do not count as work experience.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Next, you will be asked to complete six essay questions. You will need to limit each of your responses to 100 words.

A Bit of Guidance

Please use the essay portion of the application as an opportunity to tell us more about yourself from a personal perspective. We already know about your skills and experience from your CV and application - now we want to get to know you on a deeper level. The questions are meant to give you the space to open up about your passions, creativity, imagination, and sense of humour.

Essay Questions (100 words)

1. Purpose – what is your personal purpose? What's your answer to why you exist? What do you care passionately about? How have you pursued this purpose in your life?

2. Take time to look at the programme content of *Catapult Leadership*. How is the content relevant to what you want to learn and do?
3. What do you want to do after the Scholarship and how does this fit into your long-term goals?
4. Tell us about a time when you have pursued social change.
5. What is the most significant challenge you have overcome? How did you overcome it?
6. What's your story?

FINAL NOTES

Once you have completed your application form, please save it and email it to Philippa Nicholson (philippa@catapult.co.nz). Please remember to also attach your two-page CV to the email.

Deadline

The application will be open from 1 December 2019 until 29 February 2020. Only applications that are complete and submitted during the application period will be considered. Late submissions will NOT be accepted.

Next Steps

You should receive a confirmation email shortly after you submit your application. If you do not receive this email, please wait 24 hours before contacting us. If you still have not received a confirmation, you may contact us and we will help sort this problem out. The next time you hear from Catapult regarding your application will likely be in March to either inform you that we are unable to select you at this time, or that you have been selected to move on the Skype/phone interview stage. Please check your inbox regularly.

Terms and Conditions

The Scholarship winners will be required to provide a small write up of their experience on Catapult Leadership for Catapult to use as promotional material alongside the winners' photographs.