



Research Report of the Year Award

Submissions are sought by the close of business on 14 February 2024 for the the NZX “Research Report of the Year Award”. This Award seeks to recognise and acknowledge excellence in analytical research that adds insight into New Zealand’s financial and capital markets.

The objectives of introducing this award are to:

- Encourage more research into New Zealand’s financial services ecosystem by students and academics
- Celebrate excellence in research
- Improve the functioning of New Zealand’s financial and capital markets and the practice of the professionals operating within it

Criteria

- Excellence in terms of rigour, insightfulness and how well written it is
- Contribution to our understanding of New Zealand’s financial and capital markets
- Contribution to enhancing the practice of professionals
- Contribution to improved outcomes for the climate and stakeholders, including the environment and society

Eligibility

- The Report must have been completed in 2023.
- The report must be authored by a university student (at the time of completion) or academic
- There is no limit as to how many Reports could be submitted by any Report Author.
- Reports which have previously won this award are not eligible to be resubmitted for this category in future awards.
- The authors provide permission for INFINZ to post the report on their website where selected as a finalist

Topics

By way of example, relevant topics might include (but are not limited to):

- Climate related disclosures and sustainable financing structures
- Cost of capital
- Innovations in take-over techniques or capital raising structures
- Governance issues including social licence to operate
- Capital raising mechanisms and trends

Submissions

Authors are required to submit their report electronically.

Judging Panel for 2023 were:

- Kim Martin, Head of NZ Debt Management, The Treasury, former leading global equity strategist with both State Street and JP Morgan in UK
- David Bridgman, former PwC Corporate Finance Partner and author of many Independent Reports on takeovers
- Eric Crampton, Chief Economist at the New Zealand Initiative and former Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of Canterbury

This Award will be determined by three judges who will review all Reports submitted. The Judges might seek further information and could interview shortlisted candidates – at their discretion. The Judges' decision will be final. No Award needs to be provided in a year where the submitted reports were not of sufficient quality.

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Please email submissions and supporting documents to admin@infinz.com

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Director of INFINZ by email exec@infinz.com, or on 021 632 047.

FINALISTS will be announced mid-April 2024

AWARD WINNERS will be announced at the INFINZ Awards Gala Dinner on 16 May 2024
at Shed 10, Queens Wharf, Auckland Waterfront.

Previous Winners

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| 2023 | In Holdings We Trust: Uncovering the ESG Fund Lemons
Authored by Lachie McLean, Ivan Diaz-Rainey, Sebastian Gehricke and Renshu Zhang |
| 2022 | From upstairs to downstairs trading: Evidence from a highly segmented market
Authors: Jędrzej Białkowski, Sanghyun Hong, Moritz Wagner |