

NZGS President's Awards

Although the form and detail of a nomination is not detailed, these comments from the 2006 judging panel may be useful for putting together 2007 nominations:

- 1. The judging panel will not re-examine a thesis, but members will look for clear evidence of a superior piece of work. To that end, in the covering letter the nominator could usefully (a) affirm that the degree either has been or will be awarded, (b) include relevant excerpts from the examiners' reports, (c) highlight original aspects of the research, and (d) state why the research findings are important.*
- 2. Judges usually find a thesis title informative so it should at least be mentioned in the dossier.*
- 3. A table of contents can be of great assistance to the judges, but it should have sub-headings and page numbers to allow panel members at least to infer how the research was undertaken.*
- 4. The concluding chapter is important, but so is the introduction. In most cases those two chapters will suffice, but if the case for an award rests on an original methodology or a novel analytical method then the chapters where those matters are described could also be included.*