



Genetics Science Communication Competition

Up to 5 entries selected for
publication in:
On the GO 2022

Open to all
students
Years 7 - 13

Entries Close
30th
September
2022

Genetics Otago merch
prizes up for grabs

For more information please see reverse or email go@otago.ac.nz

About Genetics Otago

Genetics Otago (Mātai Ira Ōtākou) is a University of Otago Research Centre formed in 2009 to unite its wide-ranging genetics expertise into New Zealand's primary genetics research centre. We support over 350 members researching and studying genetics-related disciplines at the University of Otago, and we engage with the public about genetics' contributions and impacts in New Zealand.

The University of Otago is an unrivalled genetics research location. Our expertise reaches across science, health, technology and law, our infrastructure enables world-class research, and our unique and rich natural surrounds inspire novel research and insights. Otago's genetics research drives innovation across New Zealand's agricultural, conservation and medical sectors. It also deepens our understanding of our origins, our humanity and our natural world.

On the GO Magazine

Genetics Otago (GO) publishes an annual magazine, 'On the GO' highlighting the success of our members, events we have run or supported, and exciting or new applications of Genetics and its techniques. This magazine is made available to all of our members, senior University staff (HOD's, Deans, VC's etc), to our industry partners and sponsors, and to high schools and members of the general public through our outreach efforts.

Previous copies of On the GO can be found on our website:

<https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/go/archive/>



Competition Details

Science communication is an important component of being a successful researcher and is now a very valid career in its own right. At GO we like to encourage our students, both undergraduate and postgraduate to develop science communication skills wherever possible and publish their work either in our magazine or on our blog. From 2022 we would like to extend this into high schools, to help promote the importance of effective communication skills at the tertiary level and beyond, as such we invite students to submit a piece of work for consideration of publication in On the GO 2022.

Submissions have very little restriction as we want to encourage communication through any form, however the submission must be of relevance to Genetics and must be able to be effectively represented in a printable form. Submissions of essay style should be of 500- 1000 words. While we except to receive formal essays or technical descriptions we challenge you to draw on your strengths outside science to communicate an idea through different media (think photos, illustrations, cartoons, infographics, posters) or to take a concept and think outside the box to describe it in a unique way.

All entries should be submitted to us via email (go@otago.ac.nz) no later than **30th September 2022** and must be accompanied by a signed entry form. There is no restriction to the number of entries from each school and students may work as individuals or in small groups.

Up to 5 entries will be selected for inclusion and applicants will be notified of the outcome by no later than ***31st October 2022***. A prize pack of Genetics Otago merchandise will also be presented to the winners.