

John Alexander Milne Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Research related to sheep reproduction

Level of Study

Master's

Purpose

The John Alexander Milne Scholarship aims to encourage postgraduate research in the field of ovine (sheep) fertility and reproduction.

Background

John Milne trained to be a veterinarian in Australia. He later moved to Dunedin, New Zealand where he successfully worked as a veterinary surgeon. Upon his death, John left a bequest of \$100,000 to Massey University to be invested, with the interest being used to financially support master's research students in the field of sheep reproduction.

Value and Tenure

The value will be determined by the interest made available from the John Alexander Milne Scholarship, held by the Massey University Foundation. It is expected approximately \$4,000 will be available annually.

Tenure is one year.

Typical Number on Offer

It is expected that there will be one scholarship awarded each year. However, the successful candidate may be awarded the scholarship for a second year so long as satisfactory progress has been made with the master's research. Recipients are required to reapply for the second year.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen
- enrolled in a master's degree within the School of Agriculture and Environment, Massey University

- enrolled, or eligible to enrol, full-time in the 90 credit or 120 credit research course with a topic related to sheep reproduction either directly or indirectly (i.e. this might include systems modelling or farmer survey research which is focused on reproduction without doing a reproductive in-situ (i.e. with animals) study. These studies should be aimed at either understanding the underlying reproductive biology sheep, the economic impacts of impaired reproductive performance or improving the reproductive performance in NZ sheep flocks.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the academic merit achieved in the taught component of the postgraduate courses and the alignment of the proposed research to the scholarship purpose.

Preference will be given to students who can demonstrate that the project has the potential to contribute to the New Zealand's economy.

Selection Committee

The scholarship will be awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of a selection panel within the School of Agriculture and Environment.

Conditions of the Scholarship

The scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries or awards, so long as those scholarships, bursaries or awards permit co-tenure.

The committee has the right to refrain from making an award in the event of there being no applicants of sufficient merit.