

AsureQuality Seed Technology Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Agricultural plants

Level of Study

Postgraduate

Background

The Seed Tech Services Scholarships were first offered in 2005, to support postgraduate students specialising in agronomy. Seed Tech Services was a commercial seed testing company that operated from within the School of Agriculture and Environment at Massey University. In 2022, this business was purchased by AsureQuality, who recognise the importance of supporting and developing future capability within the seed industry and so continue to fund these scholarships. The name changed to AsureQuality Seed Technology Scholarship to mark this change.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship will vary and is dependent on the number of scholarships awarded in one year, with typically a total value of \$20,000 per annum split between recipients.

The scholarship is tenable for one year.

Typical Number on Offer

The number of awards varies.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- enrolled full-time in a postgraduate programme at Massey University
- undertaking research involving agricultural plants, such as pasture, crops, seeds and trees

Selection Criteria

The selection is based on:

- academic merit
- the benefit to the applicant and their study in receiving this scholarship, and how well the applicant meets the conditions and intentions of the scholarship

Preference may be given to projects that involve some aspect of seed biology or seed technology.

In recommending the award of a scholarship the selection committee may take account of other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicant with a view to achieving a reasonable distribution of available monies among qualifying candidates.

Selection Panel

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of the Applied Academic Programmes Scholarships Committee, the leader of the Agronomy Teaching Group and a representative from AsureQuality.

Conditions of the Scholarship

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

The Committee may decline to award any scholarships in any year if there are no applicants of sufficient merit to warrant an award.

The Applied Sciences Scholarships Committee may withdraw or suspend an award at any time if the recipient fails to make satisfactory progress.

Recipients may apply for the scholarship again in the following year for those programmes longer than 1 year in duration.

The first payment will normally be in May of the year of award. Payments may involve several instalments depending on the size of the award, with later instalments conditional on good progress being made with the programme of study.