

Noeleen Olson Horticulture Masters Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Horticulture

Level of Study

Masterate

Background

Noeleen attended Palmerston North Girls High School before commencing her study at Christchurch Teachers Training College in 1948. In 1969 she took 9 months off work to complete a BA that she had first started in 1948. She graduated from Massey University with a BA (Humanities) in 1970.

Noeleen was a schoolteacher for all her working life; famously cycling to the then rural Whakarongo School from her Church Street home each day for five years to teach. She retired from teaching in 1988 after 28 years at Roslyn Primary School, Palmerston North. While she loved children and teaching, she had a life-long passion for horticulture and was a founding member of Palmerston North's horticultural society.

Noeleen passed away in December 2019 aged 90 years and left a bequest of \$700,000 to Massey University for the use of scholarships or grants for horticultural students

Value and Tenure

The scholarship value will be approximately \$15,000 per annum, with the exact amount to be determined by the interest made available from the Noeleen Olson Fund, held by the Massey University Foundation.

The scholarship is tenable for a maximum of two years; recipients are required to reapply for the second year.

Payment will be made in two equal instalments during the year tenable, conditional upon satisfactory progress.

Typical Number on Offer

It is expected that there will be one scholarship awarded each year. However, the successful candidate could expect to be awarded the scholarship for a second year so long as satisfactory progress has been made with the Masterate and the recipient has reapplied for the scholarship.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen
- enrolled full time (a minimum of 105 credits per year) or part time (a minimum of 30 credits per semester for both semesters)
- enrolled in a master's degree in Horticultural Science at Massey University, in either year one or year two.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on:

- academic merit
- the research proposal
- 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.

For applicants who are applying for a second year, the progress of the master's degree as outlined in a report supplied by the applicant will be considered. This should include comments provided by the supervisor advising on the applicant's suitability for continuing tenure.

In recommending the award, the scholarship committee will take account of other scholarships and bursaries held with a view to achieving a reasonable distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.

Selection Committee

The scholarship will be awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of the Applied Academic Programme Scholarships Committee, College of Sciences.

Conditions of the Scholarship

The scholarship value for those enrolled in year two of a master's will be prorated if the degree length is 1.5 years to completion.

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. And in this case, the committee may decide to distribute all or part of the unspent funds to the Noeleen Olsen Undergraduate Horticultural Scholarship.