

David Brundell Master's Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Horticulture

Level of Study

Master's research

Purpose

The purpose of the David Brundell Master's Scholarship is to support students to undertake research at the master's level in horticulture.

Background

David Brundell completed a Bachelor of Horticulture at Massey in 1970 before going on to complete a Master of Horticulture (Subtropical Pomology and Agronomy) in 1974. His thesis topic focused on flower development of the kiwifruit. Following his graduation from Massey, David worked in a research role at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Levin and later in Pukekohe. David's varied career saw him being a floricultural consultant for the Commonwealth Secretariat in Jammu and Kashmir as well as various other consulting roles in floriculture and in the development of geophytes.

Throughout his life David was an avid plant and crop collector, developer, producer, and trader. He had a lifelong interest in the commercial production of a wide variety of food, medicinal, and energy crops as well as in gardens and design, all within an ecologically sustainable context.

David had a passion for flowering bulbs and propagated clivia, building a spectacular subtropical garden near Glenbrook Beach called Gardenza. Gardenza was developed over 30 years and featured a series of lakes with islands planted with subtropical treasures from South Africa and South America, including varieties of amaryllis, unusual aroids, along with an array of zingibers and canna.

After selling his property at Glenbrook Beach in 2015, David moved to Rarotonga with the aim of establishing a botanic garden. In early 2018 David suffered a life altering accident necessitating his return to New Zealand. He died in December 2021.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship will be up to \$25,000 for full time students and prorated for part time students up to the value of \$12,500 per year, should funds permit.

The tenure is for one year for full time students, or two years for part time students. Part time students are required to enrol in a minimum of 60 credits per year.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, two scholarships will be offered each year.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- enrolled in a master's degree or intending to enrol in a master's degree at Massey University
- enrolled full time or part time and intending to undertake a research course of 60, 90, or 120 credits in horticulture in the year of award.

Students undertaking research in either flower, fruit, vegetables, or crops for human consumption, are eligible to apply.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on academic merit and the applicant's career aspirations as outlined in a 200-word statement.

Selection Committee

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

The Committee has the right to refrain from making the award if there are no suitable applicants.

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.

Payments will be made in four equal instalments over the year, contingent on continued enrolment in the research course.