

The Agricultural Life Sciences PhD Travel Grant

Grant Regulations

Focus

Agriculture, Horticulture, Food Technology, Animal Science, Environmental Science

Level of Study

Doctoral

Purpose

The Agricultural Life Sciences PhD Travel Grant was established to assist Massey University PhD students undertake overseas research travel as part of their doctoral degree. The focus of this grant is on strengthening recipient's doctoral research programme, as well as Massey's relationships with other like-minded universities which excel in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, food technology, animal science, and environmental science.

Value and Tenure

The value of the grant is up to \$25,000, with a tenure of two to four months.

Typical Number on Offer

Up to three grants may be awarded annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- enrolled in the Doctor of Philosophy at Massey University and have successfully completed the Confirmation of Registration event at the time of grant application.
- undertaking research in an area aligned to agriculture, horticulture, food technology, animal science or environmental science.
- intending to partake in a research visit which will be of benefit to the applicant's programme of study and will include collaborative research, sample collection, or analysis.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on:

- research excellence
- merit and achievement in prior postgraduate study
- the nature of the research visit, including the intended travel, anticipated outcomes, a budget of the proposed costs and justification for these costs
- the benefit of the proposed research visit to the researcher development and study
- a reference from the applicant's supervisor regarding the capability of the applicant, how the proposed research visit will benefit the completion of their PhD research at Massey, and how it will maintain and grow Massey University's international collaborations.

Priority will be given to applicants who are visiting one of the following universities: Wageningen University (Netherlands), University College Dublin (Ireland), University of California, Davis (USA), Cornell University (USA), Iowa State University (USA), Guelph University (Canada), China Agricultural University (China), University of Hohenheim (Germany), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (Switzerland), AgroParisTech (France), University of Reading (UK). However, applications are not restricted to the universities and will be considered for travel elsewhere.

Selection Panel

The selection will be made by the University Scholarship Selection Committee on the recommendation of a panel made up of College of Science staff from relevant fields.

Conditions of the Grant

The grant will be paid in two equal instalments; prior to travel to allow for booking requirements and mid-way through the travel period.

Co-tenure is permitted with other scholarships, bursaries.

The research visit must not have any course enrolment cost at the host University or any bench/lab fees.

The proposed research visit must not compromise the recipient's ability to complete the PhD within the expected timeframe.

Successful recipients will be expected to submit a report within 30 days of completion of the travel. The report should be between 1,000 and 1,500 words in length and should include a summary of the research visit, what was achieved, and how these learnings will be used moving forward. The report must highlight 3 key benefits from the experience. The recipient should specifically mention how relationships with the nominated University might benefit from this PhD Travel Grant and research, and any primary sector benefits for New Zealand as well as any benefits for Massey's profile within New Zealand and the primary sector.

Successful recipients must agree to their story being published in the Massey Foundation news.

The selection panel may refrain from making an award if, in its opinion, there are no suitable applicants.