

Dr Eric Ojala Postgraduate Scholarship in Agricultural Policy Research

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Agricultural Policy and Strategy

Level of Study

Masters and Doctoral

Purpose

The Dr Eric Ojala Postgraduate Scholarship in Agricultural Policy Research assists master's and PhD students undertake research primarily in the field of agricultural policy and strategy studies. Such research should relate to agriculture and land use policies in New Zealand, or to foreign agricultural policies that are deemed to be of relevance to the New Zealand agricultural sector and the wider New Zealand economy.

Background

The Venture Trust Inc. (now known formally as the Eric Ojala Sub-Trust of the Massey University Foundation, and informally as the Eric Ojala Fund) was established in 1986. The aim of the founder (Dr Eric Ojala) was to encourage, promote and assist research and development in New Zealand agriculture and land based science, especially that involving agricultural policy and strategy, agricultural trade and markets, agricultural economics and farm management and food technology, production and innovation. The word "agriculture" is broadly interpreted to include any productive activity on rural land - including forestry and horticulture. In 2014 the Trustees transferred the funds into the Massey University Foundation.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is determined by the interest earned on the capital and is typically up to \$5,000 for master's students and \$8,000 for doctoral students. The tenure of the scholarship is one-year, successful recipients are eligible to apply in subsequent years.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, up to two scholarships will be awarded annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- enrolled in, or intending to enrol in a master's degree or doctoral degree at Massey University
- enrolled full time or part time and intending to undertake a research course of 60, 90, or 120 credits
- undertaking research related to agriculture and land use policies in New Zealand, or to foreign agricultural policies that are deemed to be of relevance to the New Zealand agricultural sector and the wider New Zealand economy.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on academic achievement and the alignment of the intended research to the Trust's purpose.

Selection Committee

The scholarship shall be awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of a panel consisting of members of the Eric O'Jala sub trust.

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 selection committee may take account of other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicant when selection the recipient.

The successful recipient is expected to use the funds towards direct operation and research costs, including but not limited to field research, collecting data, and travel. The scholarship may not be used to support living costs or tuition fees.

Recipients of the scholarship should ensure that the Eric Ojala Sub Trust is appropriately acknowledged for its contribution to the research by means of a written acknowledgement in any publication resulting from the project.

Recipients are expected to provide a report on the project to the Trust within one year of the grant being confirmed.