

Dr Warren Parker and Pāmu Agricultural Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Agriculture

Level of Study

Undergraduate - 3rd year

Purpose

The Dr Warren Parker and Pāmu Agricultural Scholarship supports third year Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Bachelor of Agribusiness, and Bachelor of Animal Science students who aspire to pursue a career in agriculture.

Background

This scholarship is to honour the contributions to the agricultural sector of New Zealand of the late Dr. Warren Parker.

Warren had an outstanding academic career and was involved at the highest levels of primary sector governance, in both the private and public sectors. As well as Chair of Pāmu, he was former chief executive of Scion (Forest Research Institute) and Manaaki Whenua - Land Care Research, and previously chief operating officer of AgResearch. He held board roles on Genomics Aotearoa, Farmlands Cooperative Society, Predator Free 2050, was chair of the Forestry Ministerial Advisory Group, the NZ Conservation Authority, and recently appointed independent chair of Quayside Holdings.

With a PhD in animal science, Warren was previously professor of Agribusiness and Resource Management at Massey University, where he spent 18 years in various roles including supervising the 9000 SU Riverside Farm in the Wairarapa.

One of Warren's greatest contributions to agricultural science and farming practices came from his relentless pursuit of innovation. One example is more than three decades ago, when Warren was hosted to a veterinary practice researching biochemical and physiological markers and their use to monitor and manage the lactation of highly producing grass-fed dairy cows on the Waikato.

This was very applied research and the results provided deeper understanding of how metabolically challenged many of these animals are. At the time the research helped lift per cow and per ha production on these commercial farms

Pāmu is the brand name for Landcorp Farming Limited, a State-Owned Enterprise with more than 100 farms across the motu. Pāmu exists to enhance the future of agriculture for generations of New Zealanders to come, return land under Te Tiriti o Waitangi settlements, and produce a financial return. Pāmu is focused on running a profitable and efficient business where farming activities positively impact ecosystems and communities.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is \$8,000 and the tenure is for one year.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, one scholarship will be awarded annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- entering the third year of the Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Bachelor of Agribusiness or Bachelor of Animal Science
- enrolled either internally or via distance
- studying full time

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on:

- academic merit
- evidence of the applicant's aspiration to pursue a career in agriculture
- financial need
- evidence of:
 - participation or leadership in rural/agricultural community events or clubs, or,
 - evidence of experience volunteering in local or national organisations.

Selection Committee

The scholarship will be awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee, based on the recommendation of the Head of School, School of Agriculture and Environment, or nominee, a representative of the family of Dr Warren Parker, and a Pāmu leader, such as the Head of People.

Conditions of the Scholarship

Scholarship recipients may also have the option of an employment opportunity over the summer period at Pāmu, or its associated entities, to be determined mutually by the recipient and Pāmu.

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

Payment will be made in two equal instalments following Massey University's official withdrawal date without financial penalty in semesters one and two. Recipients are expected to maintain a grade average of B (5) or above to remain eligible for the second instalment.