

Massey University

Postgraduate Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Level of Study

Postgraduate – coursework

Purpose

The Massey University Postgraduate Scholarship is designed to support high achieving graduates of tertiary education degree programmes enrolling in postgraduate degree coursework in any discipline at Massey University

Background

The Massey University Postgraduate Scholarship developed from an ambition for Massey University postgraduate students to shape the future of New Zealand. In 2004, the postgraduate scholarships were developed and named in honour of Sir Alan Stewart KBE (8 December 1917 – 1 September 2004), the principal of Massey Agricultural College from 1959 to 1963 and founding vice-chancellor of Massey University from 1964 to 1983. Sir Alan guided the institution's transition from an agricultural college to full university. He is noted for building the university's internationally recognised agricultural programme, as well as for greatly expanding the university's distance programme to make tertiary education available to rural New Zealanders. In 1940, Stewart was awarded Massey's second Rhodes Scholarship; however, his studies were interrupted by the outbreak of World War II and Stewart served in the Royal Navy for the duration of the war. He was knighted in 1981 for services to education.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is up to \$2,000 per semester and is calculated on the number of taught course credits (see scholarship conditions for pro-rated rates). The tenure of the scholarship is one semester, and eligible students may apply for multiple scholarship selection rounds.

Typical Number on Offer

Up to 80 awards may be awarded each year, contingent on funds available.

Eligibility

Applicants must

- be intending to enrol in postgraduate coursework at Massey University
- have completed a minimum of 120 credits at a New Zealand tertiary institution at undergraduate or postgraduate level (NZQA Level 7 or above).

Students enrolling in 90 credit or greater research courses, including at doctoral level, are not eligible to apply but may be eligible for other scholarships.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on academic merit. Consideration will normally only be given to students with an A- (7.0) GPA average or better in the New Zealand based tertiary study record.

Preference may be given to applicants who have not received a Massey University Postgraduate Scholarship or Sir Alan Stewart Postgraduate Scholarship previously.

Selection Panel

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee.

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

Conditions of the Scholarship

Payment will be made upon confirmation of enrolment in the semester of scholarship tenure and following the University's official withdrawal date.

The value of the scholarship will reflect the number of enrolled credits in the semester of scholarship tenure, up to \$2,000 as follows:

60 credits; \$2,000
45 credits; \$1,500
30 credits; \$1,000
15 credits; \$500

Note; where a recipient is enrolled in double semester courses the credit value will be prorated for the scholarship tenure (i.e. a 30-credit double semester course will equate to 15 credits per semester).

The tenure of the Massey University Postgraduate Scholarship must align with the enrolment of the postgraduate programme. For example, January selection round is for tenure in semester one, and July selection round is for tenure in semester two. Applicants may apply for subsequent selection rounds if they continue to meet the scholarship eligibility, however, preference may be given to applicants who have not received this scholarship before.

Recipients of the Massey University Postgraduate Scholarship may not concurrently hold the Massey University Master's Research Scholarship.