

Taranaki Veterinary Centre Scholarship – Companion Animal

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Veterinary Science

Level of Study

Undergraduate

Purpose

The Taranaki Veterinary Centre Scholarship supports Bachelor of Veterinary Science students who have an interest in Companion Animal to see practice in their fourth and fifth year of study.

Background

Taranaki Veterinary Centre - Supporting Excellence in Animal Health

Taranaki Veterinary Centre is proud to serve the Taranaki region with a dedicated team of professionals committed to the highest standards of animal health and welfare. Our work spans both large production animals and companion pets, and we strongly value the development of veterinary expertise through ongoing learning and professional growth—values that align closely with the spirit of this scholarship.

Large Animal Services and Community Support

We employ a team of 20 experienced Large Animal Veterinarians who bring a wide range of knowledge and practical skills to local farming operations. Our vets are supported by a skilled team of Technicians, providing essential on-farm services such as teat-seal and drycow therapy insertion, and calf disbudding.

Taranaki Vet Centre also offers comprehensive veterinary services for companion animals, with clinics in Hawera, Stratford, and Patea. Our friendly and professional vets, supported by compassionate, well-trained nurses, are committed to delivering the highest standard of care to every pet we treat.

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We pride ourselves on having modern, well-equipped facilities and a strong culture of continuing professional development, ensuring our team is always operating with the most current knowledge and techniques in veterinary medicine.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is \$6,000, to be paid in two equal instalments. The tenure of the scholarship is two years.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, one scholarship will be awarded annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and normally reside in New Zealand
- enrolled full time in the fourth year a Bachelor of Veterinary Science at Massey University

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on:

- academic results from the previous 2 years of study
- a written statement on why the applicant wishes to pursue a career in companion animal
- the applicants CV
- two reference letters

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to attend an interview.

Selection Committee

The scholarship will be awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of the Taranaki Veterinary Centre.

Conditions of the Scholarship

It is expected that the successful candidate shall see practice with Taranaki Veterinary Centre for at least one week in their 4th year (calving time recommended) and at least one week in their 5th year (total of a minimum of two weeks over two years).

Receipt of the second year of the award is dependent on the recipient passing the fourth year of study.

This scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, bursary, or award, provided this is not considered to constitute a conflict of interest.

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