

Nikau Coopworth Sheep Breeding Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Sheep Breeding

Level of Study

Master's Research

Purpose

The Nikau Coopworth Sheep Breeding Scholarship aims to encourage postgraduate research in the field of sheep.

Background

Nikau Coopworth, a sheep breeding operation producing stud rams, is located in the Waikaretu valley, halfway between Raglan and Port Waikato on New Zealand's west coast. The flock was established by Jack Woodward in the 1950's and then run for 35 years by Clive Woodward and his wife Susan.

Clive and Sue were progressive farmers with a passion for the Coopworth breed and a real vision for their place in the future of the New Zealand sheep industry. A rigorous selection process and the use of modern technology to assess heritable traits have resulted in a flock producing some of the top rams in New Zealand. Since 2009 Kate Broadbent has owned and managed the Nikau stud with the same forward-thinking philosophy.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is \$2,000 and the tenure is for one year.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, one scholarship will be available annually.

Eligibility

Applicant must be:

- enrolled in or intending to enrol in the Master of Science in Agricultural Science or Animal Science

- undertaking a 90 credit or 120 credit research project in a topic related to sheep

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the intended research topic and alignment with the purpose of the scholarship. Research topics related to sheep or that benefit the sheep industry will be considered. Preference may be given to topic related to sheep breeding.

Selection Committee

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee on the recommendation of a panel from the School of Agriculture and Environment.

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 committee has the right to refrain from making an award in the event of there being no applicants of sufficient merit