

Waitawhiti Memorial Scholarship - Postgraduate Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Agriculture and Horticulture

Level of Study

Postgraduate

Purpose

The Waitawhiti Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship supports postgraduate students in agriculture and horticulture, preferably those from Wairarapa.

Background

This scholarship is supported by a gift from Charles and Margaret Richardson, who farmed at Waitawhiti Station near Eketahuna. The scholarship is in memory of their sons, who both attended Massey Agricultural College. Graham Speedy Richardson was a member of the Royal New Zealand Air Force and died in 1944. Paul James Richardson was shot in a farm accident.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is determined each year from the interest earned on the capital, in recent years this has been \$2,000. The scholarship is usually offered annually, and the tenure is for a single academic year.

Typical Number on Offer

One scholarship is typically offered each year.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- enrolled full time in a postgraduate degree or postgraduate in agriculture or horticulture at Massey University

Selection Criteria

The selection is based on:

- academic merit
- the benefit to the applicant and their study in receiving this scholarship, and how well the applicant meets the conditions and intentions of the scholarship

Preference is given to residents of Wairarapa.

The University Scholarships Committee may take account of other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicants in seeking an equitable distribution of funds.

Selection Panel

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee on the recommendation of the Applied Academic Programmes Scholarships Committee, College of Sciences.

The University Scholarships Committee has the right to refrain from making an award if there are no suitable applicants and its decision is final.

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.

At the discretion of the University all, or part, of the annual interest may be reinvested to maintain the value of the capital fund so the scholarship may not be granted each and every year.