

# Fonterra Pacific Undergraduate Scholarship

## Scholarship Regulations

### **Focus**

Pacific students

### **Level of Study**

Undergraduate

### **Purpose**

This scholarship provides support for Pacific students enrolled in their first year of undergraduate studies at Massey University in a science, technology, or engineering degree.

### **Background**

Fonterra is a proud New Zealand Co-operative built by generations of farming whānau. We believe nutritious food is essential to sustain people today, and for future generations to thrive, which is why we challenge ourselves to find new ways to bring our dairy goodness to people around the world.

Fonterra Research & Development Centre in Palmerston North is one of the largest dairy research facilities in the world and is home to more than 300 technologists, engineers, and scientists. Fonterra offers excellent career paths in various disciplines and is keen to attract Pacific talents into the dairy industry.

### **Scholarship Encompasses**

The value of the award is \$4,000 per annum, plus a paid (at the approximate value of \$10,000) summer internship each year from November to February at the Fonterra Research and Development Centre.

A mentor will be assigned to the successful applicant for the term of the scholarship. They will provide guidance on education to a career pathway in innovation and research and development.

The successful applicant will be expected to be a role model, and at outreach activities promote Pacific students to study science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines for a career.

The tenure of the award is up to four years, conditional upon meeting the annual grade requirements.

### **Typical Number on Offer**

One award is available annually.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Pacific heritage/ethnicity
- enrolled full-time in their first year of undergraduate studies at Manawatū, Albany, Wellington campus and/or online at Massey University.

Preference will be given to applicants studying science, food technology, information sciences, mechatronics, or engineering.

### **Selection Criteria**

Preference will be given to students who demonstrate:

- academic achievement
- participation in community service or community engagement (e.g., involved in the local community)
- good character and well-rounded personality

A statement on how the scholarship will add to the prospect of successful completion will also be taken into consideration.

### **Selection Committee**

The scholarship is awarded by the Fonterra Research & Development Early Talent Committee in partnership with the Office of Pacific Student Success, Massey University.

The selection committee will be guided by principles of equity and diversity in the awarding of the scholarship to ensure equity of access to university education for all Pacific peoples regardless of gender, culture, ethnicity, disability, socioeconomic status, or other diversities.

### **Conditions of the Scholarship**

Continuation of the award will be contingent upon academic performance in each year, with an expectation that scholarship students maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 5 (B) to continue to receive the scholarship monies and internship opportunity.

Recipients of the scholarship are expected to consent to their information being shared on Massey University Pacific and Fonterra communication platforms for the purpose of profiling the Pacific scholarship programme and sharing their stories.

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