Avian Research Masters Scholarships

Scholarship description

The Scholarships were established in 2014 by an anonymous donor with an interest in birds and the conservation and restoration of their natural habitat.

The main purpose of these Scholarships is to support masters students undertaking scientific research on birds and their ecosystems in New Zealand.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applicants
- Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarships will be known as the Avian Research Masters Scholarships.
2. Up to three Scholarships (in total) to be awarded for a period of up to one year, and will be of the value of up to $10,000pa plus research funding (see Note i).
3. To take up and be paid the Scholarships, the candidates must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in the research year of a Master of Science studying birds and their ecosystems (including avian ecology or ecological restoration) in New Zealand, in the Faculty of Science at the University of Auckland.
4. The Scholarships are tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit, relevant work experience and the quality and nature of the proposed research (see Note ii).
6. The Scholarships will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Director of the School of Biological Sciences (or nominee), the Head of the School of Environment (or nominee), the Director of the Institute of Marine Science (or nominee) and one representative of the Donor (appointed by sponsors or trustees).
7. The Scholarships will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.
8. The Scholarships may be held concurrently with any other award or grant as long as a) the terms of that award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.
9. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the progress of a Scholar from the Dean of the Science.
10. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.
11. The University of Auckland Council has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 31 March in the year of the award.
13. Notes [i]-[iii] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Recipients of the scholarship may be eligible to apply for additional financial support for their research costs, through a small research fund administered by the Faculty of Science and funded by the donor.

II. Academic merit is assessed by the GPA or GPE obtained over the applicant’s most recent two years of full-time graded study (or equivalent).

III. As a condition of accepting this Scholarship, recipients will be required to submit a brief final report outlining their research and key findings to their Academic Head.