Morton Coutts Scholarship

Scholarship description

The Scholarship was established in 2012 and is funded by DB Breweries Ltd. The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support research into science broadly related to the brewing or processing of beer.

Morton William Coutts (7 February 1904 – 25 June 2004) was a New Zealand born inventor who revolutionised the science of brewing beer. Morton Coutts created the world famous ‘Continuous Fermentation’ process, a ground-breaking brewing process where raw materials are added to one end of the system and beer is continuously withdrawn from the other.

Selection process

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office
- A Selection Committee assesses the applications
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

Regulations

1. The Scholarship shall be known as the Morton Coutts Scholarship.
2. One Scholarship will be awarded annually, for a period of one year, and will be of the value of up to $10,000 (Refer Note i).
3. The Scholarship will be awarded to a candidate who has paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time enrolment in an Honours degree, research Masters or PhD degree at the University of Auckland, and who is undertaking research broadly related to the field of brewing, processing of beer or fermentation (see Note ii).
4. The Scholarship is tenable by a student who is a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit (refer to Note iii) and the quality and nature of the research proposal.
6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council upon the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Science (or nominee), an Academic Staff member from the School of Biological Sciences representing the discipline of applied microbiology and one other member of Academic Staff of the Faculty of Science, appointed by the Dean of the Faculty of Science.
7. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend. Payments will commence from the third week of enrolment in the eligible degree, in the year of the award (Refer to Note i).

8. The Scholarship may be concurrently held 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 relevant Head of Department.

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 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 May in the year of the award.

13. Notes [i]-[iii] below are deemed to be regulations.

**Notes**

I. Students who are part way through their Honours, Masters or Doctoral degree are eligible to apply. However the value of the scholarship will be pro-rated if there are less than 120 points of study remaining to complete the degree at the time payment commences e.g. a student with 60 points remaining will receive $5,000.

II. Possible topics may include but are not limited to: fermentation, the production of alcohol, sustainable water purification, flavour, yeast production, sensory evaluation, green chemistry or waste management.

III. The successful applicant will be required to present the findings of their thesis research to representatives of DB Breweries Ltd., who are the donors of this Scholarship.