Sir James Gunson Scholarship

This Scholarship was founded in 1925 by Sir James Henry Gunson, CMG, CBE, Mayor of Auckland 1915-1925. The sum of £1,300 was a presentation to him by the citizens of Auckland on his retirement from the Mayoralty, and was handed over by him to the University for the endowment of Scholarships for research in Agriculture.

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 will be known as the Sir James Gunson Scholarship.
2. One postgraduate Scholarship in Agriculture, Horticulture or Dairy Science will be offered by the University of Auckland Council as funds allow: it will be of the annual value of $1,250, and will be tenable for up to two years, provided however that it may be continued for the second year only if the holder has done satisfactory work during the first year.
3. The Scholarship has been founded for the purpose or enabling a graduate to investigate one or more problems associated with the agricultural, dairying, horticulture or pastoral identity of New Zealand, with special reference to problems affecting the Auckland Province.
4. Candidates for the Scholarship must be graduates of a university in New Zealand and, in order to take up this scholarship, be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for either the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy or other approved Doctorate or the Degree of Master of Science in any branch of agricultural, horticultural or dairying science. In the event of no suitable agricultural, horticultural or dairying students applying, the Scholarship may be awarded to a student enrolled for either the Degree of Doctor or Philosophy or the Degree of Master of Science in any of the following subjects: Chemistry, Botany, Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Forestry, Veterinary Science, Zoology, Geology, Economics.
5. The Scholarship will be tenable at the University of Auckland, or at such university, college or institution as may be
approved of by the University of Auckland Council.

6. No candidate will be allowed to enter for the Scholarship after the lapse of four years from the date when he or she passed successfully the examination for Honours.

7. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council after consideration of a report from the Head of Department in which the student is enrolled, together with reports, if any, of the examiners for Honours.

8. The successful candidate will devote himself or herself wholly to the objects of the Scholarship and will not, except with the permission of the University of Auckland Council, hold any position of emolument during the tenure of the Scholarship.

9. At the end of each year of tenure of the Scholarship, the recipient will furnish to the Dean (or nominee) a report setting forth in detail the nature of the research work done during the year.

10. The Scholarship emolument will be payable in each year in advance in a lump sum, but no further payments will be made after the receipt by the University of Auckland of an unfavourable report from the Dean (or nominee) upon the work of the recipient, and the final payment may be withheld pending the receipt by the University of Auckland Council of a favourable report from the Dean (or nominee).

11. In the several years in which it is intended by the University of Auckland Council to offer such Scholarship, due notice of such intention will be given and entries for such Scholarship will close on 1 February in each of such years. Applications must be forwarded to the Scholarships Office, and must be accompanied by a statement of a candidate’s scholastic career, together with a description of the subject or nature of proposed research, and a successful candidate will not proceed with the proposed research, unless and until the same has been approved by the Professors concerned.

12. The Regulations governing this Scholarship may from time to time be varied by the University of Auckland Council if in the opinion of such Council a variation therein has become necessary or desirable, provided however that at least twelve months’ notice will be given before such change will become operative.

13. The surplus income, if any, accruing from time to time from the investment of the capital sum set apart for the foundation of this Scholarship will be applied in the provision of additional facilities and encouragement for graduates or undergraduates who wish to pursue a programme of study or of research in Agriculture, Horticulture or in Dairy Science, or in the investigation of problems connected therewith; and for the purpose of giving effect to this provision, the University of Auckland Council will at such time or times, and in such manner and on such terms as it thinks fit, expend the said surplus income in the provision of a bursary or bursaries or in the institution of an additional Scholarship or Scholarships. The regulations governing such additional bursaries or Scholarships will be determined from time to time by the University of Auckland Council.

14. Applications close 1 February with the Scholarships Office, the University of Auckland.