## Puke Ariki

## **George Mason Charitable Trust Scholarships**

Established in 2002, these scholarships support the studies of students with links to Taranaki and/or research relating to Taranaki's natural history.

These scholarships are awarded annually, up to a maximum of \$7500 for PhD research and \$5000 for Masters or honours level research. They are intended to support students who are studying full time at a postgraduate level.

Applications are now invited for these scholarships.

The closing date for applications is 10 February 2017.

The scholarships are provided by the George Mason Charitable Trust, which was set up by Dr George Mason. Dr Mason is a New Plymouth businessman and entrepreneur with a background of study and business in the fields that are supported by this scholarship.

Puke Ariki, the combined library/museum/information centre in New Plymouth, administers the scholarship.

Puke Ariki is a service of the New Plymouth District Council.



## Regulations

- 1. The Scholarships are to be awarded to students, up to a maximum of \$7500 for PhD students, and \$5000 for those conducting Masters or honours level studies, for study in the year the scholarship is awarded.
- 2. The Scholarships are usually to support studies of students who are studying full-time at post graduate level; i.e. pursuing their PhD, Masters or honours level studies.
- 3. The Scholarships are usually awarded to students who have attended secondary school in Taranaki, or who have family residing in Taranaki or other connections to the region.
- 4. The Scholarships are to be awarded to advance the study of the natural environment, archaeology and social history of the Taranaki region; e.g. biological sciences, earth sciences, archaeology or anthropology.
- 5. The students shall have access to the resources of Puke Ariki for the duration of their field research. This may include access to information and/or collections.
- 6. A copy of the thesis (and any related material collection made available via the research) shall be made available to be part of the collection of the Taranaki Research Centre, Puke Ariki and potentially for use in displays or exhibitions managed by Puke Ariki.
- 7. In the first instance, applicants need to forward details of their research proposal, supervisor support and a CV (including academic history and a copy of their official academic record), to:

Andrew Moffat Heritage Collections Lead / Pouarahi Tukuihotanga Puke Ariki Private Bag 2025 New Plymouth

## By the closing date of 10 February 2017

or email <u>andrew.moffat@npdc.govt.nz</u> or phone (06) 759 0860 with any queries regarding this scholarship.

- 8. Preference will be given to applicants with a strong academic record as well as to those applicants who submit a research proposal which will potentially add most value to the body of knowledge in the above disciplines in the Taranaki region.
- 9. Students are encouraged to present their work to a public audience at Puke Ariki towards the end of their year of study.
- 10. Students may accept funding from other sources addition to the award of these Scholarships.

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