

Dairy Goat Co-operative (NZ) Ltd

The DGC Russ Moroney graduate scholarship.

About Dairy Goat Co-operative (NZ) Ltd. (DGC)

DGC is a New Zealand farmer owned Co-operative that was established in 1984. It specializes in the development, manufacture and international marketing of its own-brand, goat milk nutritional powders for infants and children.

The Hamilton based Co-operative is an export focused business that sources Goat milk from its shareholder suppliers in Northland, Waikato and Taranaki. It owns and operates its entire core manufacturing processes, enabling tightly controlled production of high quality milk formula for infants and children.

The co-operative is committed to the enduring health and wellbeing of current and future generations of children. DGC markets and distributes its products in over twenty countries. It is an international leader in researching the functional benefits of Goat milk for paediatric nutrition, and has published clinical research trials internationally.

The Russ Moroney Scholarship

Russ Moroney was a pioneering member of the DGC Co-operative. His vision and leadership of the Co-operative as its founding Chairman was instrumental in DGC becoming a successful international export business. The DGC Russ Moroney scholarship offers a Masters-level scholarship to one student each year through the Auckland Joint Graduate School in Dairy Research and Innovation.

The DGC scholarship is valued at \$17,000 in total. This amount is made up of scholarship payments within each the academic year, and a paid summer studentship, where applicable. The scholarship is paid as \$6,000 per academic year (in progressive payments) for each of the 2 years of the students Masters degree, and a provision of \$5,000 for paid summer studentship work with DGC (or support to work with an alternative, DGC-approved summer work placement company)

Scholarship Objectives

- To highlight the importance of tertiary qualifications in disciplines that support New Zealand's primary Industries.
- To acknowledge the contribution of Russ Moroney to DGC, and to New Zealand agriculture.
- To encourage stronger connections and collaboration between the Auckland Joint Graduate School in Dairy Research and Innovation, and New Zealand businesses.
- For DGC to make a wider contribution to the community and to the development of talented people.
- To provide, where possible, summer studentships that further develop practical experience for scholarship recipients.
- To assist talented students to develop a rewarding career in agriculture.

Criteria for selection

The scholarship is offered to Graduate students undertaking a Masters level degree through the Auckland Joint Graduate School in Dairy Research and Innovation.

The Scholarship applications are reviewed and awarded by a DGC selection committee, with input from the Auckland Joint Graduate School in Dairy Research and Innovation. Scholarship applications are reviewed by DGC, and the scholarship awarded directly by DGC.

The scholarship is offered to students who are New Zealand Citizens or permanent residents, and who are legally able to work in New Zealand at the completion of their study.

Academic excellence is a key selection criterion. Applications should be accompanied by a recommendation from the Relevant Head of Department from Auckland Joint Graduate School in Dairy Research and Innovation, or the Head of Department from the student's previous University.

We prefer to award the Scholarship for Masters students studying in areas relevant to New Zealand Primary production, Agriculture and related scientific fields including:

- Health and Nutrition
- Biological Science
- Biomedical Science
- Food Science
- On farm systems (ie: plant-microbe interactions)
- Chemical Sciences
- Food Engineering, (Mechanical Engineering)
- Production Operations Research

Student performance criteria

The ongoing payment of this scholarship is dependent on recipients continuing to achieve good pass marks in their chosen courses. A short 6 monthly report is to be submitted to DGC from the student, outlining progress in their study.

For further information and details on how to apply, please contact:

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