Purpose
The Bill and Joan Flower Agribusiness Masters Scholarship recognizes the relationship between the University of Waikato and the late Bill and Joan Flower and their ongoing commitment to the University. This Scholarship was established to support graduate students who wish to undertake research of 90 points or more in the field of Agribusiness.

Regulations
1. Eligibility
   To be eligible, applicants must:
   1.1. be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand; and
   1.2. be applying to enrol full-time in a thesis paper of 90 points or more as part of their first master's degree at the University of Waikato, with a major in Agribusiness.
      1.2.1 Applicants must commence their thesis within six months of the application closing date.

2. Value
   2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to $5,500 and will be paid in the form of a fees credit directly applied towards the recipient's tuition fees (domestic or international) for their thesis paper only.
   2.2. The Scholarship will be offered every alternate year.

3. Application
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 31 October biennially.
   3.2. In addition to completing the online application form, each applicant must submit:
      3.2.1 a personal statement (maximum two A4 pages) on the prescribed form; and
      3.2.2 an academic reference from either the proposed supervisor for their thesis paper or a member of the academic staff at the institution at which they obtained the qualification that defines their eligibility to enter the master's degree programme.

4. Selection
   4.1. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, with a minimum grade point average of A- expected for eligibility. Grade-average calculations will be based on the applicant’s last two years of full-time study (240-points), or equivalent.
Where applicable, particular attention will be given to results from the applicant’s 400-level and/or 500-level papers.

4.2. Financial need may also be taken into consideration.

4.3. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee, the Waikato Management School representative on the Scholarships Committee, and a representative of the Flower Family (or their nominees).

4.4. The Scholarships Committee’s decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

5. **Awarding**

5.1. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.

5.2. All applicants will be advised by email of the result of their application.

5.3. The Offer of Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer, after which it will lapse.

5.4. Recipients of this award must finalise their enrolment in a thesis of 90 points or more within four months of accepting the Scholarship.

5.5. Recipients must enrol in the thesis paper listed on their Scholarship application.

5.6. The thesis should usually be completed within a 12-month period, although dispensation will be made in cases where the applicant is concurrently enrolled in a number of additional papers or two programmes of study.

6. **Other Conditions**

6.1. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient’s circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee via the School of Graduate Research immediately.

6.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the recipient is not following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship and/or the University of Waikato.

6.3. The Scholarship may be held together with any other award, provided that the regulations of the other award do not preclude this.

6.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the Sponsor and/or the University of Waikato.