

# Golden Plover Wetland Research Award



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## REGULATIONS FOR THE GOLDEN PLOVER WETLAND RESEARCH AWARD 2012

### BACKGROUND

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The Award was established in 2001 by Drs Tony Reiger and Steven Messerschmidt, in conjunction with the National Wetland Trust of New Zealand and the University of Waikato. The Current donors are Dr. Reiger and the National Wetland Trust.

It is intended to support a student who is conducting original research into any aspect of the ecology or management of wetland at Masters level at any University in New Zealand. The Golden Plover is one of many migratory birds who make their way from Alaska to New Zealand. The name symbolises this connection between the two countries, as the key donor was originally from Alaska but now resides in New Zealand.

### REGULATIONS

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1. The Award will be known as the Golden Plover Wetland Research Award.
2. The Award will have a value of up to \$1,000.
3. The Award is open to a student who is conducting original research into any aspect of the ecology or management of wetland at Masters level (part-time or full-time) at any University in New Zealand. This scholarship may only be held once.
4. Applicants must clearly demonstrate that their research meets two or more of the following criteria:
  - increase the appreciation of wetlands and their values by all New Zealanders
  - facilitates the enhancement and restoration of wetlands
  - increases the understanding of wetland processes by all New Zealanders
  - establishes good experimental design that will lead to an increase in scientific knowledge of an aspect of wetlands
  - improves communication about wetlands to key target groups (i.e. wetland landowners, policy makers, and councillors)
5. Candidates for the Award must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
6. Applicants should compile a short letter of application, giving the project title, aims and objectives and a brief explanatory review of the topic, including a summary of intended methodologies and addressing the criteria in 4.
7. Applicants for the Award must submit:
  - a covering letter of application
  - a brief but pertinent CV which highlights the applicant's suitability to conduct research
  - proof of enrolment or intended enrolment to conduct study at Masters level
  - proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence
  - two referees reports (one academic, preferably from the applicant's chief supervisor which confirms the applicant's eligibility for entry into a Masters' programme, and one personal) which must be submitted directly to the Scholarships Office of the University of Waikato by the closing date.

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8. Applications will be considered by a Selection Panel, which will consist of a sub-committee of the National Wetlands Trust and a representative of the University of Waikato, approved by and acting on behalf of the Scholarships Committee. The sponsors for the Award will also take part in the selection process where possible.
9. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit. The Award may be shared at the discretion of the Selection Panel.
10. The Award will be paid as a lump sum to the successful applicant at the commencement of B Semester annually.
11. The recipient of the Award must, upon completion of the study, submit a short report or make a verbal presentation to the National Wetlands Trust.
12. The Award will be made by the Scholarships Committee on behalf of the Academic Board of the University of Waikato. The recipient will receive a Certificate confirming the Award.
13. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an award at any time if it is satisfied that the holder is not following the approved programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Award. The holder of an Award shall have the right to appeal to the Academic Board against any decision to terminate the award.
14. The Award may be held with any other bursary, scholarship or award.
15. The University may from time to time vary these regulations after consultation with the Sponsors.
16. Applications must be submitted to:  
The Scholarship Office  
The Gateway  
The University of Waikato  
Private Bag 3105  
Hamilton 3240

**Closing date: 8 June 2012**

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## APPLICATION FORM

This application must be submitted to: The Scholarships Office  
The Gateway  
The University of Waikato  
Private Bag 3105  
HAMILTON 3240.

Applications close at 5.00 pm on the **8 June 2012**

Enquiries can be directed to: (07) 858 5136 or  
(07) 858 5195 or  
[scholarships@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@waikato.ac.nz)

Please ensure that all questions are answered and that all the required attachments accompany this application form. You may jeopardise your chances of success if you do not complete your application properly.

## YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

### NAME

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Surname:

Given name/s

University ID Number:

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### POSTAL ADDRESS

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*For correspondence regarding this application*

Street Number and Name:

Suburb:

Town/City:

Post Code:

Telephone:

Email:

Cell Phone:

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## APPLICATION DETAILS

### STUDY INTENTIONS

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Please indicate the qualification for which you are / intend to be enrolled as a full-time student in 2012

Qualification:

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School:

Department:

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University:

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### ACADEMIC REFEREES

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Please provide the names and addresses of two persons you have asked to forward references to the Scholarships Office.

One of them must be academic (preferably from a chief supervisor) and the other personal.

Title and Name of Academic Referee:

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Address:

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Telephone:

Email:

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## ATTACHMENTS

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*Please attach the following to your application form*

- A covering letter
- A CV of no more than four pages in length
- Proof of enrolment or intended enrolment to conduct study at Masters level
- Proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence
- If you are studying at a University other than the University of Waikato, please attach a certified copy of your academic transcript
- Two referees reports (one academic, preferably from the applicant's chief supervisor which confirms the applicant's eligibility for entry into a Masters' programme, and one personal).

## CONDITIONS

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I understand that:

1. If I am offered and accept a Golden Plover Award, I will only be eligible to be formally awarded the Scholarship if I am enrolled in a Masters programme of study in the year of tenure and comply with any other specific requirements of the scholarship.
2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds awarded, if it is satisfied that the holder is not following the required programme or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Academic Board against any decision to terminate the award.

## ▼ PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information requested in the attached application form will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your application for the Scholarship for which you are applying. Personal information contained in this application will be made available to members of the Selection Committee, members of the University of Waikato Scholarships Committee and staff of the University of Waikato Scholarships Office.

The University of Waikato undertakes to store your application in a secure place in the event that you are successful in gaining an award or are selected as a reserve candidate for an award. The University of Waikato undertakes to destroy your application to preserve its confidentiality, in the event that you are unsuccessful in gaining an award. Should you have reason to believe that information held about you in either your application or your academic record is incorrect, you have the right of access to, and correction of, that information.

## ▼ SIGN HERE

Signature

Date

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