

# Scholarships Update

Hello all

This Scholarships Update may be a little different from those you have received in the past. As the two new Scholarships Advisors at the University of Waikato, we would like to introduce ourselves.

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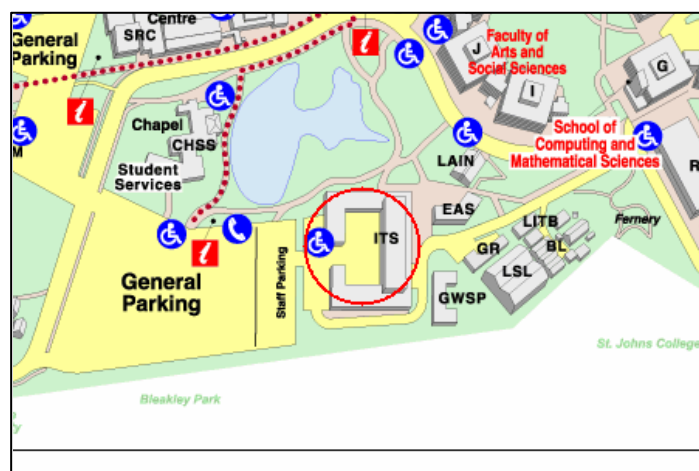
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We are based down in the Scholarships Office, in the ITS building (which is at the rear of the Gate One car park). If you have any queries regarding scholarships, please feel free to email, phone or drop by and ask us.

**Scholarship regulations and application forms can be downloaded from our website:**

**<http://www.waikato.ac.nz/research/scholarships/>**



# Scholarships Currently Open for Application

**\*\*\* Closing Tomorrow \*\*\***

## **PriceWaterhouseCooper Masters Scholarship**

*Closes 20 May*

This Scholarship has been established by PricewaterhouseCoopers to assist a student undertaking masters-level research in a business-relevant topic in the areas of accounting, finance or economics at the Waikato Management School (WMS). The Scholarship has a value of \$20,000. For detailed regulations, and an application form, please see the Scholarships website.

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## **The Golden Plover Award**

*Closes 31 May*

This Scholarship is for masters students researching any aspect of the ecology or management of wetlands, at any university in New Zealand. It 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 value of the Scholarship is \$1000, which is paid to the student in a lump sum at the beginning of B Semester.

For detailed regulations of the Scholarship, please see the University of Waikato Scholarships website. There is no official application form for this Scholarship - 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.

## **Trust Waikato Student Community Grant**

*Second round closes 10 June 2005*

Trust Waikato has made available a considerable amount of money to be used as research grants by students of the University of Waikato. This fund has been provided to support student research that is aimed at improving the lives of the people in the Waikato region through enhancing the management of community organisations. Research projects that will be supported are those that focus on ways in which not-for-profit / voluntary / community / whanau / third-sector organisations may enhance life for the people of the Waikato region. There is no set figure for this award; instead, each applicant puts forward a request depending on their specific expenses (such as study, travel, resources, etc.). For detailed regulations, and an application form, please see the scholarships website.

## **Quest for Excellence Scholarship**

*Closing date 31 July 2005*

This Scholarship is awarded to deaf or hearing-impaired students studying at a postgraduate level. You can apply yourself, or nominate a friend who may be eligible. The Selection Panel will be looking for applicants who have demonstrated personal commitment, involvement and achievement; have overcome great odds despite their hearing impairment or deafness; have leadership potential, and are innovative and creative in what they set out to do. Information and applications forms can be found at the Quest for Excellence website ([www.questforexcellence.org.nz](http://www.questforexcellence.org.nz)).

## **Woolf Fisher Scholarships**

*Closing date 1 August*

Three Woolf Fisher Scholarships are awarded each year to students wishing to study a PhD or DPhil at either the University of Cambridge or the University of Oxford. To be eligible you must be a First Class Honours student, have attended a New Zealand secondary school, and be under 25 in the year of application. This Scholarship pays for three or four years study at either the University of Cambridge or the University of Oxford, return flights home to New Zealand each year, and £10,000 allowance per year. Applications forms can be downloaded from the Woolf Fisher website ([www.woolffishertrust.co.nz](http://www.woolffishertrust.co.nz)).

# Guidelines for Applying for Scholarships

A good scholarship application is one which stands out from the rest; one which will impress the Selection Panel, and convince them that you are the best candidate for this Scholarship. Here at the Scholarships Office, we see a large number of such applications, and have put together some guidelines to help you make yours one of the best.

- Read the regulations of the scholarship well! This is very important. By doing this, you can get a feel for the attributes which the Selection Panel will be looking for when they award this scholarship. By reading the regulations well, you will also ensure that you don't miss including any vital information in your application.
- Write neatly and spell correctly when filling out the application form. The first impressions of the Selection Panel will depend very much on the neatness of your application. If you have obviously taken the time to write neatly, and check your spelling, they will be impressed. On the other hand, if you have completed your application roughly, they might well conclude that this scholarship is not very important to you.
- Write a covering letter, introducing yourself and explaining why you believe you are the applicant best suited for the scholarship – even if this is not specifically asked for.
- Attach all documentation which the application form asks you for (such as a CV and birth certificate). If, for some reason, you cannot supply a certain document, explain why. These documents are required for a reason, and the Selection Panel likes to see them.
- If the scholarship is awarded on academic merit, make sure you attach any academic records which you might have from other institutions at which you have studied. We can make certified copies of these, if you bring the originals into our Office.
- If the scholarship is awarded partly or wholly on factors other than academic merit (such as community involvement, or sporting achievements), make sure you include any documentation which you can to support your achievements in these areas. These include letters of reference from people you have worked with or for, certificates, and anything else which you think might be of interest to the Selection Panel. Be selective; if you send in too much, not enough attention will be paid the information which is really important. However, make sure you have included enough to give the Selection Panel a good insight into your activities.
- We photocopy all applications to send to the Selection Panel – so the use of colour and binding / folders is not effective. However make sure documents such as your CV are attractive, and well laid out: it helps them to stand out.
- The best applications take time to write and organize. Think about what you write, proofread well, and take the time to include relevant information. It will be well worth it!