



Whanganui River Enhancement Trust Scholarship Masters and Honours Students

**Scholarship for Honours students \$5,000 and
Masters students \$10,000**

**Research should contribute to understanding in
one or more of the following areas directly
related to the Whanganui River Catchment:**

- **River processes**
- **Water quality and enhancement**
- **Native and Introduced fish**
- **Land management practices**

Closing date: 5.00 pm Friday 13 November 2015

Whanganui River Enhancement Trust Scholarship

Background and Purpose

The Whanganui River Enhancement Trust was established in 2003 to provide resources to mitigate adverse effects on the catchment of the Whanganui River that result from the operation of the Tongariro Power Scheme. The Trust aims to promote the enhancement of the Whanganui River Catchment by supporting research into river processes, the catchment's water quality, land management practices and the river's native and introduced fish. To achieve this aim, the Trust provides scholarships to Honours, Postgraduate and Masters students undertaking research that is directly focused on and relevant to the catchment of the Whanganui River.

Tenure and Value

Each Scholarship is awarded for a period of one year and has the value of \$5000 for Honours and Postgraduate students and \$10000 for Masters students.

Eligibility

The scholarships are open to students who are enrolled as a full-time students undertaking research towards a Masters thesis, Honours degree or Postgraduate Diploma. Candidates for the Scholarship are not restricted in terms of nationality, but must be resident in New Zealand for the tenure of the scholarship.

Criteria

The Scholarship shall be awarded on the basis of academic merit and fit to the conditions of the award.

Selection

The selection of scholars will normally be made on the basis of written applications and attached documents. However, candidates may be required to attend an interview.

Responsibility for the award

The Scholarship shall be awarded annually by Whanganui River Enhancement Trust on the recommendation of a Selection Committee consisting of a panel which will include a representative of the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust and a member of the University's Scholarships Committee. The recommendation will be signed off the by Whanganui River Enhancement Trust.

Payment

The Award will be paid in instalments, based on the progress of the Student's research.

Conditions of the Award

The research to be undertaken during the tenure of the Scholarship and the research must be focused on the Whanganui River Catchment and have direct application to the management of the catchment. Research must contribute to an understanding in one or more of the following areas:

- River processes
- Water quality and enhancement
- Native or Introduced Fish
- Land Management Practices

Candidates will be required to have an understanding of geological sciences, biological sciences, chemistry, economics or planning that is appropriate to the research project to which the Scholarship is to be applied. Applications must be accompanied by:

- An abstract of the research proposal
- A description of the research goals
- An outline of the methodology
- A statement of how the proposed research supports the aims of the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust
- A brief CV

The Scholarship can be held in conjunction with any other scholarship or award administered by or through the University, unless specifically precluded by the regulations of the other award.

The Student will be encouraged to consult with the Trust to enable the findings of the research to be disseminated in a way that assists the Trust to achieve its aims. Normally this will include a commitment by the student to submit a progress report and a final report to be forwarded to the Trust, along with an agreement to present a summary of the findings of the Research, and their relevance to the Whanganui River catchment, at a Trustee meeting.

The Student will agree to acknowledge the financial assistance of the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust in the thesis document and any publication or public presentation prepared by the scholar that used findings derived from the research funded under this scholarship.

The Student will agree to consult the Trust regarding any significant changes to the original application, as these must be agreed to by the Trust prior to implementation.

SURNAME:
Student ID Number:

**APPLICATION FOR WHANGANUI RIVER
ENHANCEMENT TRUST SCHOLARSHIP**

Note: It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all the information requested.

PERSONAL DETAILS

NAME IN FULL:

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Term Address..... **Permanent Address**.....

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Telephone: () **Telephone:** ()

E-Mail address:

Fax:

REFEREES

Give the names of two persons whom you have asked to forward confidential referee reports to the Scholarships Office. They must testify to your qualifications and ability to carry out the proposed research. Your referees should send their reports to the Scholarships Office, University of Waikato, Private Bag 3105, Hamilton 3240 by **5.00 pm Friday 13 November 2015**.

Name: Name:

Address: Address:

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SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Your application must include an abstract of the research proposal, a description of the research goals, an outline of the methodology, a statement of how the proposed research supports the aims of the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust and a brief curriculum vitae. The name of your supervisor should be included where possible.

CHECK LIST:

For applicant to complete:

- Application signed by the applicant
- Certified Academic record
- An abstract of the research proposal
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- An outline of the methodology
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- A brief curriculum vitae

CONDITIONS

I understand that if I am offered a Whanganui River Enhancement Trust Scholarship, and accept it, I will only be eligible to be formally awarded the Scholarship if I meet all of the following criteria:

- Anticipated or provisional grades used in calculating my eligibility are confirmed by the final grades awarded
- I enrol in an approved programme of study within six months of accepting the Scholarship
- I am enrolled full-time in a masters degree programme at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure
- The Scholarships Committee may terminate my Scholarship at any time if it is not satisfied that I am following the required programme or am otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. I shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Committee against any decision to terminate the award.
- I consent to the publication by WRET of my name and details of any scholarship which I am awarded by WRET.

PRIVACY DECLARATION

The information requested in this application form will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your application for the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust Scholarship. Personal information contained in this application will be made available to members of the Scholarships Committee, staff of the Scholarships Office, and members of the Whanganui River Enhancement Trust.

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.

The University may contact the persons you have named in your application as referees for further information. Any such direct contact with these referees will be made on a strictly confidential basis. The University may not divulge details to you about the content of such confidential references without the written authorisation of the referee concerned.

SIGN HERE

Signature:..... Date:

Applications Close **5.00 pm Friday 13 November 2015 with:** Scholarships Office,
University of Waikato
Private Bag 3105
Hamilton 3240