

Scholarships Currently Open for Application

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New Zealand Postgraduate Study Abroad Awards

Closing date Thursday 7th July

The New Zealand Postgraduate Study Abroad Awards are available to postgraduate students enrolled in either a doctoral or masters degree programme at a New Zealand institution whose research programme would benefit significantly from a short-term period (up to six months) of study or research abroad. This award offers funding up to \$10,000 according to the costs of the proposed project. Preference is given to students wishing to study in 'target countries' which are defined in the regulations for this Scholarship. Detailed regulations can be obtained from the University Scholarships website, and application forms can be obtained by calling in to our office, located in the ITS building at the rear of the Gate One car park.

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The Vice-Chancellor's Adult Learners Awards

Closing date for nominations 22 July

The Vice-Chancellor's Adult Learners Awards were established to celebrate the achievements of adult students, in particular those who demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Learn with infectious enthusiasm
- Demonstrate a strong determination to complete their studies
- Support and encourage other learners to engage in learning activities
- Willingly share new skills, knowledge and abilities with others
- Challenge themselves and others with new ideas and perspectives
- Have had an interesting learning pathway to the University

These awards are to the value of \$1000, and are not open to application, but rather, students and staff of the University are to nominate others whom they believe show these qualities. Nominees must be over the age of 25, enrolled in their first full- or part-time degree or certificate programme and enrolled in B Semester for 2005. Further information and nomination forms are available from our website (<http://www.waikato.ac.nz/research/scholarships/>).

The Bay of Plenty Adult Learners Awards

Closing date for nominations 5 August

These awards are very similar to the Vice-Chancellor's Adult Learners Awards (see above), but are for adult students studying at University of Waikato's Tauranga Campus. Please note that adult learners at Tauranga are still eligible to apply for the Vice-Chancellor's Adult Learners Awards. Further information and nomination forms are available from our website.

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Eco-Minds Youth Forum

Applications close 29 July

Eco-Minds is a new Asia-Pacific Youth Forum held in the Philippines from 26–31 October, and will involve nine countries, including New Zealand. The Forum focuses on working together to come up with creative and practical solutions for addressing the challenge of sustainable development. Three delegates aged between of 18 and 24 will be chosen from New Zealand to attend this Forum, receiving a week-long, all-expenses-paid trip to the Philippines to do so. Detailed information and application forms can be found at www.ecominds.co.nz.

Australian Federation of University Women - ACT Incorporated Bursary

Closing date 31 July 2005

This award is open to women of any age who wish to carry out some short project that necessitates a short stay in Canberra and will benefit the applicant's research or professional expertise. The bursary entitles the recipient to free board and lodging for up to four weeks at a residential college at the Australian National University, Canberra, during the 2005-2006 summer vacation. Application forms are available by emailing Ms Heather Nash at Heather.Nash@anu.edu.au

Waikato Branch New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women Merit Awards for Doctoral Study

Closing date 31 July 2005

The Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women offers support to women students enrolled for a PhD degree at the University of Waikato. These awards are to the value of \$2000 and are available to the recipient for up to three years, and also include a complimentary year's membership to the Branch for the first year of tenure. These Scholarships are assessed primarily on academic merit. Detailed regulations and application forms can be obtained by calling in to our Office, located in the ITS building at the rear of the Gate One car park.

Waikato Branch New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women Masters Study Awards

Closing date 31 July 2005

The Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women offers support to women students enrolled in their final year of a masters degree at the University of Waikato. These awards are to the value of \$2000, and are assessed primarily on academic merit, although the relevance of the applicants research to the community is also taken into consideration. Detailed regulations and application forms can be obtained by calling in to our Office, located in the ITS building at the rear of the Gate One car park.

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).

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The Bren Low Memorial Scholarship

Closing date 20 August

This Scholarship offers support for students who will be enrolling full-time in their final year of study towards the Bachelor of Communication Studies or the Bachelor of Management Studies in 2006, majoring in Public Relations or Management Communications. This Scholarship can be awarded up to a value of \$4000, and will be awarded primarily on academic merit. Further information and nomination forms will be available from our website in the near future.

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 a £10,000 allowance per year. Applications forms can be downloaded from the Woolf Fisher website (www.woolffishertrust.co.nz).

Rhodes Scholarships

Closing date 1 August

These Scholarships are awarded to students wishing to study at Oxford University, and cover air travel and an annual allowance of at least £9,582. These scholarships are awarded with an emphasis on academic merit and sporting achievements. Further information and application forms are available from the NZVCC website <http://www.nzvcc.ac.nz/default.aspx?l=4&p=64>

Claude McCarthy Scholarships (Category A)

Closing date 1 August

These scholarships enable graduates of a New Zealand university, who are registered and enrolled for a doctoral degree at a New Zealand University in the areas of literature, science or medicine, to travel overseas for short periods to present research work at conferences, and/or to conduct research leading towards the New Zealand doctoral degree for which they are enrolled. Fellows must retain their New Zealand doctoral registration during the tenure of their award. Further information and application forms are available from the NZVCC website <http://www.nzvcc.ac.nz/default.aspx?l=4&p=46>

START-PACOM Doctoral Fellowship Awards

Closing date 15 August

The International START Secretariat and the Pan African START Committee (PACOM) have announced fellowship opportunities for outstanding young African scientists engaged in global environmental change research leading to doctoral dissertation. Awards will be for up to two years of study leading to completion of PhD dissertation or for the final year of graduate study combined with one-year of post-doctoral research. Candidates must have completed at least one year of study toward a PhD to be eligible for this award. Proposals should focus on some aspect of global environmental change in Africa. Awards will provide for tuition, research materials, and a small living allowance.

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a graduate degree program leading to a PhD degree in an African university and have completed one year of doctoral study program.

For application forms and further details see the International START website at www.start.org.

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Brian Smith Memorial 499/599 Scholarship

Closing date 30 August

The Brian Smith Memorial 499/599 Scholarship was established in 1999 by the Waikato Management School in memory of Professor B V Smith, Director of Undergraduate Studies from 1991 to 1998, and has a value of \$1500. This Scholarship is open to management students enrolled their 499 or 599 Report of an Investigation, and is awarded on the basis of academic merit and personal character. Further information and application forms are available from our website.

The Macmillan Brown Prize for Writers

Closing date 30 August

Candidates for this award are asked to write an essay, short story, poem or group of poems, short play or other work dealing imaginatively with any theme. This award is open to all undergraduates, and all graduates of not more than three years standing, and is of a value of \$2000. Application forms can be obtained from the Scholarships Office, in the ITS building (which is located at the rear of the Gate one car park).

Waikato Student Union Scholarship for Cultural Contribution to the University of Waikato University

Closing date 31 August

This scholarship is awarded annually to an undergraduate student who makes an outstanding cultural contribution to the University (independent of academic performance).

Cultural input will be assessed on:

- Contributions of an ethnic nature or
- Artistic contributions or
- Involvement in campus-based initiatives

Further information and application forms are available from our website.

Royal Society of New Zealand Travel Grants

Closing date 1 September 2005

These grants (which are usually awarded up to the value of \$1000) are available to students undertaking full-time study for their PhD to help them to attend their first overseas scientific conference. Due to limited funding, preference will be given to those students who have successfully completed at least 12 months of their full-time PhD enrolment by the application closing date. Electronic copies of the information and application form are available from TravelGrants@rsnz.org copies are also available on the Society's website <http://www.rsnz.org/awards/travel/>.

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Ada Wells Memorial prize

Closing date 30 September 2005

Candidates for this award are asked to write an essay of less than 3000 words on a choice of two topics; either

“When the nineteenth-century novelist George Eliot wrote that ‘if art does not extend our sympathies it does nothing morally’ she assumed both that morality is essential to art and that sympathy is the key to morality. Using the creative work of one or two modern writers as evidence, consider who valid her assumptions are today.”

Or

“Focusing on at least one major work of literature, argue for or against the contention that ‘any writer living in a human society ought to show some commitment to the cause of human rights’.”

This award is open to all undergraduates, and all graduates of not more than three years standing, and has a value of \$600. Application forms can be obtained from the Scholarships Office, in the ITS building (which is located at the rear of the Gate one car park).

The Simpson Grierson Law Scholarship

Closing date 31 September 2005

The Simpson Grierson Law Scholarship is available to New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand who, in 2005, will be enrolled full-time for their penultimate year of study for the degree of Bachelor of Laws or Bachelor of Laws with Honors at the University of Waikato (in either a single or double degree programme).

In recommending the awards, the Selection Committee will take into account:

- Candidates should be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
- Academic achievement; and
- Professional skills; and
- Character, leadership potential, and social skills; and
- The candidate's suitability as a future Simpson Grierson employee.

This Scholarship has a value of \$3000. Further information and application forms are available from our website.

Interviews for Scholarships: What to Do and What Not to Do

So you have received a call – very likely from one of us at the Scholarships Office – to inform you that you have been short-listed for an interview for a scholarship which you have applied for! First of all, congratulations! Only a few people applying for each scholarship will make it as far as being asked to attend an interview, so you have obviously already impressed the Selection Panel with your application. However, every interview will go better with a little forethought and preparation. Here are some handy tips to help you prepare for this interview.

1. Treat an interview for a Scholarship very similar to the way in which you would treat an interview for a job. A little effort goes a long way.
2. Dress neatly. The first impressions a Selection Panel form will be based largely on what you are wearing, so you want to make sure that your clothes reflect the impression you would like to give! Wear smart, presentable clothes that you feel comfortable in. As a general rule, ripped jeans are not a good look.
3. Do a little research into the Scholarship before your interview. Make sure you are aware of the regulations of the Scholarship, and, if possible, a little of its background. Also, make sure you do a bit of research on the organisation which sponsors the Scholarship. It looks very good to appear fairly knowledgeable in this area (and it saves you that dreadfully embarrassing moment when you are asked about the organisation, and have to admit to knowing very little).
4. Beware of exaggeration. In many areas, the Selection Panel can check to see if you are answering accurately. They may have access to a summary of your academic history. Besides, if your answers are so complicated that you get confused, chances are the Selection Panel is confused too!
5. Above all, relax, and be confident. After all, you have only been selected for an interview because the Selection Panel is already impressed with your application.