The Hilary Jolly Memorial Scholarship was established in 1978 under the provisions of the will of the late Dr Violet Hilary Jolly (MSc, PhD) with funds held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation. The Hilary Jolly Memorial Scholarship provides funding to assist University of Waikato students furthering their research in the field of Freshwater Ecology pertaining to New Zealand. Up to two scholarships may be offered each year.

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, candidates must:
       1.1.1. be enrolled or enrolling full time in an MSc(Research) or an MSc at the University of Waikato; and
       1.1.2. be undertaking research in the field of freshwater ecology in New Zealand.

2. Value
   2.1. Up to two scholarships may be awarded each year with a total combined value of all scholarships awarded coming to $10,000.
   2.2. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments, the first upon confirmed enrolment in the approved programme of study (see clause 1.1), and the second approximately six months later (conditional on satisfactory academic performance).
   2.3. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.

3. Application
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 15 May each year.
   3.2. Along with the prescribed application form, each applicant must submit:
       a) a brief outline (300-400 words) of the proposed research topic;
       b) a personal statement (using the template) that provides:
          • details of any promotion or past research activities, such as seminars or conference presentations;
          • any publications (if applicable);
          • future study/career plans
          • a summary of any past or present work/employment history other than casual or part-time positions; and
          • a summary of any special circumstance considered relevant to the application; and,
       c) A brief CV (no more than four A4 pages)
   3.3. Applicants must request the submission of two academic references, with one being from the proposed supervisor of the research project.
4. Selection Criteria and Selection Panel

4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (in the Chair), Head of the School of Science, and two academic staff members with experience in Freshwater Ecology (nominated by the Head of the School of Science) or their nominees.

4.2. The Scholarship will be offered on the basis of academic merit and the relevance and importance of the applicants’ proposed study to the field of freshwater ecology.

4.3. Applicants will also be judged on their research ability.

4.4. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

4.5. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

7. Awarding

7.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer, or the offer will lapse.

7.2. Recipients must be enrolled as per the requirements of the approved programme of study in the year of tenure.

7.3. Students must enrol in the approved programme of study (see clause 1.1) within 6 months of accepting the offer.

8. Other Conditions

8.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any scholarship, award, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this. Applicants should advise the School of Graduate Research of any additional awards/funding they receive during the tenure of the Scholarship.

8.2. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.

8.3. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

8.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University or Sponsor into disrepute\(^1\), or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

8.5. By accepting an award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato or Sponsor in consultation with the other.

\(^1\) See [Code of Student Conduct](https://www.waikato.ac.nz)