

The Bill & Joan Flower Agribusiness Masters Scholarship - 2019



The Bill & Joan Flower Agribusiness Masters Scholarship was established in 2017 in order to recognize the relationship between the University of Waikato and the late Bill and Joan Flower and their ongoing commitment to the University. This Scholarship provides support to graduate students who are on track to complete the research requirements of a master's degree within Waikato Management School.

1. Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- 1.1. be a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand; and
- 1.2. be applying to enroll full-time in a thesis paper as part of their first master's degree at the University of Waikato.
 - 1.2.1 The master's research must be focussed on agribusiness, agricultural marketing or the economics/financials of agribusiness.
 - 1.2.2 Applicants must commence their thesis within twelve months of the application closing date.

2. Value

- 2.1. The Scholarship will have a value of up to \$5,500 and will be paid in the form of a fees credit directly applied towards the recipient's tuition fees for their thesis paper only.
- 2.2. The Scholarship will be offered every alternate year.

3. Application

- 3.1. The closing date for applications is **30 November** biennially.
- 3.2. In addition to completing the online application form, each applicant must submit:
 - 3.2.1 a personal statement (maximum two A4 pages) on the prescribed form; and
 - 3.2.2 an academic reference from either the proposed supervisor for their thesis paper or a member of the academic staff at the institution at which they obtained the qualification that defines their eligibility to enter the master's degree programme.

4. Selection

- 4.1. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, with a minimum grade point average of B+ expected for eligibility. Grade-average calculations will be

based on the applicant's last two years of full-time study (240-points), or equivalent. Where applicable, particular attention will be given to results from the applicant's 400-level and/or 500-level papers.

- 4.2. Financial need may also be taken into consideration.
- 4.3. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Chair of the Scholarships Committee, the Waikato Management School representative on the Scholarships Committee, and a representative of the Flower Family (or their nominees).
- 4.4. The Scholarships Committee's decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

5. Awarding

- 5.1. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.
- 5.2. All applicants will be advised by email of the result of their application.
- 5.3. The Offer of Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer, after which time it will lapse.
- 5.4. Recipients of this award must finalise their enrolment in a thesis of 90 points or more within four months of accepting the Scholarship.
- 5.5. Recipients must enrol in the thesis paper listed on their Scholarship application.
- 5.6. The thesis should usually be completed within a 12-month period, although dispensation will be made in cases where the applicant is concurrently enrolled in a number of additional papers or two programmes of study.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. If, during the tenure of the Scholarship, a recipient's circumstances change in such a manner that their continued eligibility for the Scholarship may be affected, they must inform the Scholarships Committee via the School of Graduate Research immediately.
- 6.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the University or Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)

- 6.3. The Scholarship may be held together with any other award, provided that the regulations of the other award do not preclude this.
- 6.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any reasonable publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the Sponsor and/or the University of Waikato.