

## **BACKGROUND**

The Anne Shannon Scholarship was established in 2000 through an endowment by Dr and Mrs Shannon of Hamilton.

Dr Pat Shannon, DSc, QSM (1928-2018) worked at Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC) based at Newstead, Hamilton for 64 years. He was recognised for leading the science that improved the genetics of New Zealand dairy cattle since 1956. The award is named after his late wife, Anne Shannon.

## **1. Eligibility**

1.1. To be eligible, candidates must:

- a) be enrolled full-time (a full-time academic year comprises [120 points](#)) in their second year of study at the University of Waikato in the year of application;
- b) be enrolled in a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Science (Technology) majoring in Ecology & Biodiversity or Molecular & Cellular Biology;
- c) be enrolled in no less than 60 points of papers coded BIOEBxxx or BIOMOxxx; and
- d) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

## **2. Value and Tenure**

2.1. The value of the Scholarship is dependent on the funds available.

2.1.1. For 2021 the value of the scholarship will be \$2,000 per annum.

2.2. The Scholarship will be paid as a lump sum (annually) to the successful recipient on acceptance of the offer.

2.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of two years.

2.3.1. The second year of awarding will be conditional on the successful candidate maintaining all eligibility criteria outlined in clause 5.2.

## **3. Application**

3.1. The closing dates for applications is **15 June 2021** and will be offered every alternate year (i.e. 2021, 2023)

3.2. As part of the online application process, each candidate must submit:

- a) a letter of application (maximum two A4 pages);
- b) a personal statement which outlines why they were inspired to undertake a bachelor's degree majoring in either Ecology & Biodiversity or Molecular & Cellular Biology at the University of Waikato; and
- c) a brief CV (no more than two A4 pages)

#### 4. Selection Panel and Criteria

- 4.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Dean of the School of Science (in the Chair), the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science, and both Academic Team Leaders of Molecular Biology and Ecology and Biodiversity within the School of Science
- 4.2. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit.
- 4.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.
- 4.4. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if there are no candidates of sufficient merit.

#### 5. Awarding

- 5.1. To retain the scholarship for a further year candidate's must:
  - a) attain a GPA of B+ or higher in their first year of tenure;
  - b) continue to meet the enrolment criteria set out in clauses 1.1a, 1.1b and 1.1c; and
  - c) enrol in a minimum of 60 points of papers coded BIOEBxxx and/or BIOMOxxx in the second year of the award.
- 5.2. Should the candidate not meet the criteria for continuation of the scholarship, the scholarship may be re-advertised and re-awarded.

#### 6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 6.2. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120 points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 6.3. The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship, award, or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 6.5. Through the School of Graduate Research and Student Services Division, the University monitors students' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a student's conduct is unsatisfactory.
- 6.6. 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 or the University into disrepute<sup>1</sup>, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> See [Code of Student Conduct](#).

- 6.7. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any related publicity arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 6.8. 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.