The New Zealand Agricultural Fieldays Sir Don Llewellyn Scholarship was established in 2012 by the funder, the New Zealand National Fieldays Society Inc.™. The Scholarship was founded to assist students to undertake research at the University of Waikato with a specific focus on the agricultural sector.

The University of Waikato has a long-standing association with the New Zealand Agricultural Fieldays; it was the University’s founding Vice-Chancellor Sir Don Llewellyn who helped establish this iconic event in the late 1960s.

1. Eligibility
   1.1. Candidates for the Scholarship must be citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
   1.2. Candidates will normally be enrolled at the University of Waikato and be undertaking research, at master's or doctoral level, in the year of application.
      1.2.1. Candidates who have not yet enrolled in their research must provide a timeline showing the anticipated start and end dates of their research.
      1.2.2. Candidates nearing the end of their research must provide a timeline showing the anticipated date of the submission of their thesis for examination.
   1.3. Past recipients may reapply in subsequent years.

2. Value and Tenure
   2.1. The value of the one-year Scholarship will be up to $22,500. If more than one candidate of particular merit presents, the Panel may choose to divide the Scholarship among recipients.
   2.2. The Scholarship will be paid in monthly instalments, and eligibility is conditional on the recipient providing a six-month report, and presenting at one Society Board Meeting.

3. Application
   3.1. Applications for the Scholarship must be received by 15 May each year.
   3.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must upload the prescribed template (maximum two-page) personal statement that includes (but is not limited to) the following subheadings:
      - Relevance of the research to the agricultural sector
      - Research timeline
      - Future study and employment plans, with a focus on likely contribution to the agricultural sector
   3.3. Applicants must ask the following persons to provide a reference letter by the closing date:
      - The (prospective or current) Supervisor of the applicant’s research; and
      - A Senior Researcher at a tertiary institution, CRI, or similar.
4. **Selection Criteria and Panel**

4.1. Short-listed candidates will be invited to attend an interview as part of the selection process.

4.2. The Scholarship selection will be made by a Selection Panel comprising:
- Two representatives of the New Zealand National Fieldays Society Inc.™ nominated by the President, and who may include the President of the Society;
- The Chair of the University’s Scholarships Committee (or nominee), who shall chair the Panel;
- A senior academic involved in the agricultural field, nominated by the Chair.

4.3. The Selection Panel will pay particular attention to the relevance and potential benefits of the research for the agricultural sector. Academic merit will be another key consideration. The Panel may also take into account the applicant’s future study and employment plans.

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

4.5. The Panel’s decision will be final; no other correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

5. **Awarding**

5.1. All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application.

5.2. Successful applicants must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.

5.2.1. If a successful candidate declines a Scholarship, or does not take it up, the Selection Panel reserves the right to offer the Scholarship to a reserve.

6. **Conditions**

6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarship, award, or prize, or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.2. The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the scholarship programme or the University or Sponsor into disrepute¹, 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.

6.3. In consultation with the University, Faculty and/or sponsor, these regulations may be varied from time to time, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

6.4. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in events and publicity concerning the Scholarship as requested by the New Zealand National Fieldays Society Inc.™ and/or the University of Waikato.

6.5. In signing and returning the Scholarship acceptance form, the student will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions for the award and retention of the Scholarship.

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¹ See [Student Code of Conduct](#).