This award was established in 2011 as the result of donations from family, colleagues, friends and students of Professor Terry Robin Healy (1944-2010) following his untimely death from prostate cancer on 20 July 2010. The fund commemorates the major contributions Professor Healy made to the Department of Earth (and Ocean) Sciences during his 38-year career at the University of Waikato between 1973 and 2010. Widely regarded as one of New Zealand’s pre-eminent coastal marine scientists, his work was acknowledged in 2010 with a Queen’s Birthday honour as Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit, a University of Waikato Medal, and a life membership of the New Zealand Coastal Society. Professor Healy was a prominent member of the international coastal research community, and in particular advanced strong collaborative links between colleagues and postgraduate students at the University of Bremen in Germany with those at the University of Waikato.

The Terry Healy Memorial Award was established to assist postgraduate students with degree-related travel cost, nationally or internationally, for part study at an overseas institution, to access specialised analytical equipment, to conduct fieldwork, or to present research outcomes at a scientific conference.

1. Eligibility
   1.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
       a) be enrolled or intending to enrol, part- or full-time, in a masters or doctoral degree in Earth Sciences; and
       b) not be in receipt of other awards providing significant funds and/or not receiving substantial financial assistance under a research contract.

2. Value
   2.1. The value of the award is up to $2,000 and will be paid directly into the recipients’ bank account. The amount offered is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, period of enrolment, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.

3. Application
   3.1. The closing date for applications is 31 October 2020.
   3.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must:
       3.2.1. Complete and upload the prescribed Personal Statement form that includes the following subheadings:
               • a brief description of the nature of the research being conducted or proposed
               • a brief description of the progress achieved to date
               • details of the purpose for which the award is sought
               • financial hardship/special needs relevant to the conducted/proposed research
3.3. The applicant’s chief supervisor must provide a statement of support, endorse the application regarding the intended use of the award, and certify that the applicant is not in receipt of significant funds from research contracts or other sources that would otherwise be expected to cover those costs.

4. Selection Criteria

4.1. Awards will be made on merit, but will also take into consideration other special conditions of financial hardship, special needs, and the motivation of the applicant.

4.2. While students involved in marine sciences will have priority, applications will be considered on merit for all areas appropriate to the current research activities of the Earth Sciences programme in the School of Science.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The panel will comprise of the Deputy Academic Team Leader of the Earth Sciences, an academic staff member in the broad field of marine sciences (approved by the Dean of Science), and the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (or nominee).

5.2. The selection panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.

5.3. The selection panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

6.1. The offer of an Award must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer, or the offer will lapse.

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

7. Tenure

7.1. The Award will have a maximum tenure of one year.

8. Other Conditions

8.1. Students may hold an award on one occasion only in the course of study for a masters or doctoral degree.

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

8.3. The Scholarships Executive may terminate the award at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the Award, University or Sponsor into disrepute, or is otherwise not complying with the regulations governing the Award and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of an award shall have the right to appeal to the Research Committee against any decision to terminate the award.

8.4. By accepting an award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato.

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1 See Student Code of Conduct
8.5. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary the regulations provided that there is not departure from the main purpose of the Award.