The Flower Agribusiness Conference Participation Award was established in 2018 in memory of Bill and Joan Flower who had a long-standing connection with the University, particularly in the area of agribusiness. The Award aims to encourage future generations of agribusiness students to advance their studies and engagement with the community. The Award rewards students who have a paper accepted at a recognised agribusiness conference and supports some costs involved in attending the conference. The Awards are supported by funds held in the Foundation and will be offered twice a year starting in 2019 until the funds are depleted.

An award of up to $2,000 will be awarded each year among one or more recipients until all the donated funds are used.

1. Purpose

1.1. The Award was established to encourage and reward students who engage with the agribusiness community through attending conferences.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must be:

   2.1.1. enrolled full- or part-time in their final year of undergraduate study or any level of post-graduate study; and
   
   2.1.2. presenting a research paper at a recognised agribusiness conference outlining their own research that pertains to agribusiness.
   
   2.1.3. Be willing and able to provide a report within 30 days of the conference attendance (see Clause 3.4).

2.2. The award may be held more than once; that is past recipients may reapply.

2.3. The application will be assessed primarily on:

   a) Quality of the accepted paper/presentation;
   
   b) Academic record of the student; and
   
   c) Appropriateness of the conference to agribusiness.

3. Value, Awarding and Tenure

3.1 An award of up to $2,000 will be paid as soon as practicable after proof of registration for the conference has been provided to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz.

   3.1.1 In exceptional circumstances the award amount may be greater than $2,000.

   3.1.2 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.

3.1.3 It is expected that any one student would not normally receive more than $2,000 total.

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

3.3 The Award shall have a tenure of one year.

3.4 The awardee must submit a conference attendance report within 30 days of the conference finishing to scholarships@waikato.ac.nz, who will forward the report to the Head of the School of Accounting, Finance and Economics and advise the Development Office that the report has been completed. The report should include:

- Evidence of presentation at the conference (i.e., presentation time slot; copy of slides);
- Benefit to the recipient of attending the conference (e.g., new academic colleagues, feedback on presentation, awards gained);
- Any other pertinent information

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is 20 March and 20 September each year.

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

- A Personal Statement (using the prescribed template), that includes:
  o the name, date and location of the conference
  o the benefit to the student of attending the conference; and
  o A budget of estimated costs associated with attending the conference, including the total amount requested.
- A draft copy of the paper/presentation to be presented at the conference; and

4.3. As part of the application process, the candidate must also request the submission of an academic reference, attesting to the academic and research strengths of the applicant and how the research relates to agribusiness.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel shall include the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) as chairperson, the Head of the School of Accounting, Finance and Economics (or nominee), and an Academic staff member appointed by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee.

5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate(s) of sufficient merit.

5.3. The Selection Panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.
6. **Other Conditions**

6.1. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

6.2. The Award may be held along with any bursary, prize, or student allowance, unless the conditions of any other awards precludes this tenure.

6.3. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Award at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Award, brings the Award University or Sponsor into disrepute\(^1\), or is otherwise not complying with the conditions 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 Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Award.

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

6.5. 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 [Code of Student Conduct](#)