

The Hamilton Zoo and the Faculty of Science and Engineering at the University of Waikato recognise that they have mutual interests in educating students and the wider community about the operation and the role of zoos. The purpose of this Scholarship is to provide an opportunity for students of the Bachelor of Science (Technology) degree to gain practical experience through a one-year placement at the Hamilton Zoo to undertake research relevant to the student's degree requirements.

1. Eligibility

1.1 To be eligible, applicants must:

- a) be enrolled full-time and have completed the 2nd year of the BSc (Technology) degree at the University of Waikato in year of application; and,
- b) be a NZ citizen or permanent resident.

2. Value

2.1 The Scholarship will have a value of \$14,000.

2.2.3 The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year and will be paid directly to the student in equal monthly stipends over the period of the placement.

- a) Continued payments will be subject to the student maintaining at least a B Grade Point Average (GPA) in all major papers and the student must remain enrolled full-time in the same papers during the scholarship tenure;
- b) The final instalment will be conditional on the successful completion of the final technical report.

3. Selection Criteria

3.1 Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit, a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the field of animal behaviour management (or similar), and suitable practical skills to fulfil the placement requirements¹.

4. Applications

4.1 Applications for Scholarships close **15 September** annually.

4.2 Applicants must include with their application:

- a) a one page personal statement which outlines their interest in animal behavior management, career aspirations in this field, and the practical skills they can bring to the placement;
- b) a curriculum vitae of no longer than two A4 pages; and,
- c) two references (one academic and one character).

¹ [Contact the Co-operative Education Unit for more advice](#)

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1 Applications will be shortlisted by a University of Waikato Selection Panel. This panel will consist of the University of Waikato Science Placement Coordinator; the Director of Co-operative Education and the Scholarships Committee Representative for the Faculty of Science and Engineering (or their nominees).
- 5.2 Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend a half day practical test and interview at the Hamilton Zoo to be facilitated by two Zoo staff representatives.
- 5.3 The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

- 6.1 Successful applicants will be advised of an offer of a Scholarship in writing and must advise the University's Scholarships Office of their acceptance of the offer by the prescribed date.
- 6.2 The Scholarship must be taken up in the year in which it is to be awarded.
- 6.3 Recipients are required to enroll in three of the four following placement papers (SCIE371, SCIE372, SCIE373, or SCIE374). Recipients will not receive their first instalment until their enrolment in the first placement paper has been confirmed.
- 6.4 Recipients will design and carry out a project to be conducted during the placement, which should be of mutual interest and value to the student as well as to the Hamilton Zoo. The project undertaken will form the basis of reports that will be written by the student about their experience, to satisfy the requirements of the placement papers. Details of the length of the reports and the submission dates will be provided by the recipient's University Supervisor as will other details relating to the placement.

7. Other Conditions

- 7.1 The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other grant, scholarship or awards, unless the conditions of the other preclude this.
- 7.2 The Scholarships Committee may terminate a Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato during the tenure of the Scholarship, brings the Scholarship programme or the University into disrepute², or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the award
- 7.3 By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Hamilton Zoo.
- 7.4 With the consent of the Hamilton Zoo, the University may from time to time vary these regulations.

² See [Student Code of Conduct](#)