

The Acorn Foundation Bruce Longmore Scholarship 2026

Bruce Willson LONGMORE was born on a British Naval Base in 1950, while his father was serving in the British Navy, and his mother was a member of the WREN's (Women's Royal Naval Service). He spent his English childhood on the Isle of Portland surrounded by ocean. Bruce emigrated to N.Z with his family as a "Ten Pound Pome". While being marked a "technical boy" at school, he became a life-long learner, driving himself to knowledge in a wide range of genres: carpentry, first aid, alternative health, cooking, diving & boat craft. He served New Zealand in the Army, the Fire & Ambulance Services, and was very practical and applied in all he did. In the last years of his life, Bruce ran a successful fishing charter business and was most happy on the ocean or with a fishing rod in his hand. He loved to help people, and with this fund, his legacy continues, to assist like-minded adult students to achieve their goals and realise their potential, in the nurture of what he loved.



Purpose

The Bruce Longmore Scholarship is for students who are **completing undergraduate or postgraduate studies at the University of Waikato (Tauranga or Hamilton Campus)** in the **fields of Marine Science, Environmental Science or Ecology and Biodiversity**. Preference **may** be given to students with a specific passion for the ocean and life under water.

Students must have completed at least two years of undergraduate study and have proven academic ability and show a clear passion and future commitment to their chosen field. Applicants will be passionate about their community and able to provide examples of support and involvement in their local community or field of interest.

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. have completed at least two years of undergraduate study and be enrolled in an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in the fields of Marine Science, Environmental Science or Ecology and Biodiversity;
2. be continuing their studies at the University of Waikato, Tauranga or Hamilton Campus; and
3. be a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident of New Zealand.

Value and Tenure

1. The Scholarship shall have a total value of **\$5,000** and shall be tenable for a maximum of one year.
2. The Scholarship will only be paid in one lump sum directly to the recipient after the withdrawal date for A Trimester in the year following awarding.
3. It is expected that the scholarship will be used to defray course-related and living expenses.

Application

1. Applications for the Acorn Foundation Bruce Longmore Scholarship must be received by the University of Waikato Scholarship's office by **15 October annually** for study in the year following.
2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - a. A personal statement that outlines:
 - Why they have chosen their field of study.
 - Their passion and commitment to their chosen field.
 - Examples of local community involvement or support in their field of interest.
 - Future study/career goals.
 - b. A brief CV (no longer than four A4 pages in length); and
 - c. Two references, one academic and one character. Applicants will need to contact their referees to request a reference be sent to them directly, and this should be uploaded by the applicant into their online application before submitting the application.

Selection Panel

1. The Selection Panel will be organised annually by the Acorn Foundation and may include at least one representative of the Acorn Foundation (i.e. a staff member and/or member of the Acorn Scholarships Committee) and, where possible, a representative of the donor.
2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

Other Conditions

1. The Acorn Foundation has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship at any time if:
 - a. It is not satisfied that the recipient is following the approved programme of study.
 - b. The recipient through their actions, has brought the Acorn Foundation or tertiary institute into disrepute.
2. The holder of the scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Acorn Foundation Board against any decision to withdraw the award.
3. The Acorn Foundation has the power to amend or vary these regulations, provided that there is no departure from the stated main purpose of the scholarships.
4. The Scholarship may be held with any other bursary, scholarship or award.
5. The successful candidate must consent to use of their name, photo and details of the award being published in conjunction with media coverage, promotion or audit of the scholarship.
6. The University of Waikato will provide a list of applications to the Acorn Foundation before 1 November.