

The Anne Shannon Scholarship was established in 2000 using funds held by the University of Waikato Foundation. Dr Pat Shannon, DSc, QSM (1928-2018) worked at Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC) based at Newstead, Hamilton for 64 years and was recognised for leading the science that improved the genetics of New Zealand dairy cattle since 1956. The award is named after his late wife, Anne Shannon. The funds are held in trust with the University of Waikato Foundation and one scholarship will be offered annually until 2031, when it is expected the funds will be fully depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support for students studying towards their second year of a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science (Technology) majoring in Ecology and Biodiversity and/or Molecular Cellular Biology at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 have completed one year of full-time study (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Science (Technology) at the University of Waikato.
- 2.1.2 be currently enrolled full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in their second year of study towards a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Science (Technology).
- 2.1.3 be majoring in Ecology & Biodiversity and/or Molecular Cellular Biology.
- 2.1.4 have achieved at least a B average in their first year of full-time study.
- 2.1.5 be enrolled in at least 60 points of papers coded BIOEBxxx and/or BIOMOxxx.
- 2.1.6 be eligible for domestic fees status (i.e., be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ).

2.2. Selection is based on:

- 2.2.1 academic Merit; and
- 2.2.2 rationale for studying the degree-programme.

2.3. To maintain eligibility recipients must:

- 2.2.3 remain enrolled as per clauses 2.1.1 and 2.1.2.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. One Scholarship will be awarded annually and will have a **value of \$5,000**.
- 3.2. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments:
 - 3.1.1 \$2,500 will be paid directly to the recipient as soon as practicable after the acceptance of the scholarship.
 - 3.1.2 \$2,500 will be paid to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester in the year of award and conditional on the recipient maintaining all eligibility requirements in clause 2.3.
- 3.3. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year.

- 3.4. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date, or the offer will lapse.

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **15 June annually**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must complete the following:
 - 4.2.1. A personal statement that outlines:
 - a) Why they were inspired to undertake a bachelor's degree majoring in either Ecology & Biodiversity and/or Molecular & Cellular Biology at the University of Waikato; and
 - b) Any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of STEM (in the Chair), the Dean of the School of Science (or nominee), the Academic Team Leader of Molecular Biology (or nominee) and the Academic Team Leader of Ecology and Biodiversity (or nominee) within the School of Science.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a decision if it finds there are no applicants of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final, and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, award, or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.2. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure, should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120-points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 6.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 6.4. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 6.5. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship or the University 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.
- 6.6. The Scholarships Committee in agreement with the Donor has the power to amend or vary these regulations in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).

- 6.7. Through the School of Graduate Research and Student Services Division, the University monitors students' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a student's conduct is unsatisfactory.
- 6.8. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato and/or the Donor. This could include a university-led visit to their secondary school, or another secondary school in the region, to highlight the importance of university study.