

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.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Award was established to encourage and reward students who engage with the agribusiness community through attending conferences. It is expected that any one student would not normally receive more than \$2,000.

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.

2.2. Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1. Quality of the accepted paper/presentation;
- 2.2.2. Academic record of the student; and
- 2.2.3. Appropriateness of the conference to agribusiness.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1 An award of **up to \$2,000** will be paid as soon as practicable after proof of registration for the conference. In exceptional circumstances the award amount may be greater than \$2,000. 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.
- 3.2 The Award will apply to one conference per year and may be held on more than one occasion.
- 3.3 Proof that the paper/presentation has been accepted by the conference organiser must be provided before the award will be paid.

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

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **1st of April** and **1st of October** each year.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - 4.2.1. The name and date of the conference.
 - 4.2.2. Describe how attending the conference will be of benefit to the applicant.
 - 4.2.3. An outline of the estimated costs associated with attending the conference.
 - 4.2.4. A draft copy of the paper/presentation to be presented at the conference; and
 - 4.2.5. One 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 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. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The awardee will submit a conference attendance report within 30 days of the conference finishing to Scholarships, 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.
- 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. 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, University or Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)

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 has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 6.7. By accepting an Award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Award arranged by the University of Waikato.