

Bowler Ravensdown Scholarship in Soil Science

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Agriculture, Soil Science

Level of Study

Postgraduate

Purpose

The Bowler Ravensdown Scholarship in Soil Science supports postgraduate students studying in any field of soil science, especially soil fertility and soil water management.

Background

This scholarship was established from combined funds from the memorial to Dermot G. Bowler, a Massey Agricultural College (later Massey University) staff member from 1946 to 1982, and funds established in 2011 from rebates on Ravensdown fertilisers bought by Massey University's farms.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship will be determined from the interest earned on the capital, which may be supplemented by Ravensdown Ltd. It is typically \$5,000 annually.

Typical Number on Offer

One scholarship is typically offered each year.

Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled full time in a postgraduate degree or diploma in agriculture or horticulture and be studying soil science.

Preference will be given to students undertaking research in soil water or soil nutrient management.

Selection Criteria

The selection is based on:

- academic merit
- the benefit to the applicant and their study in receiving this scholarship
- how well the applicant meets the conditions and intentions of the scholarship

Selection Committee

The scholarship is awarded on the recommendation from the Applied Academic Programmes Scholarships Committee, College of Sciences, in consultation with soil science staff and Ravensdown Ltd.

The Applied Academic Programmes Scholarships Committee has the right to refrain from making an award if there are no suitable applicants.

Conditions of the Scholarship

At the discretion of the University all, or part, of the annual interest may be reinvested to maintain the value of the capital fund so the scholarship may not be granted each and every year.

The scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries or awards, so long as those scholarships, bursaries or awards permit co-tenure.

The selection committee may take account of other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicants in seeking an equitable distribution of funds.

Payment will be made in May.