

# The Julie Alley Bursary

## Bursary Regulations

### Focus

Female ecology researchers.

### Level of Study

Postgraduate.

### Purpose

The Julie Alley Bursary financially supports female postgraduate ecology research students who are experiencing financial hardship.

### Background

This bursary was established in memory of Julie Alley who died in 1996, aged 28 years. She graduated from Massey University in 1991 with a Master of Science in ecology and was awarded a University Blue in athletics and harriers in 1989. After graduation, Julie worked for three years as a research scientist.

She was fully committed to the conservation of New Zealand's indigenous flora and fauna.

### Value and Tenure

The annual value of the bursary is up to \$8000 and it may be awarded to the same recipient in more than one year.

The bursary is paid in two equal instalments.

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 bursary may not be granted each and every year.

### Typical Number on Offer

Two bursaries are typically offered each year.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be female students undertaking postgraduate research in the Wildlife and Ecology Group at Massey University's Manawatū campus.

Preference may be given to an applicant who is working on a field-based project as part of a team committed to conservation.

### **Selection Criteria**

The selection criterion is financial hardship.

Academic merit may also be considered.

### **Selection Committee**

The bursary is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee on the recommendation of a selection panel convened by the Head of Wildlife and Ecology Group. Other members of the panel are two academic staff members in the Wildlife and Ecology Group with interests in field research, the College of Sciences representative on the University Scholarships Committee, and Dorothy and Maurice Alley or their representative. If at least one of the selection panel is not a woman a female staff member from the Wildlife and Ecology Group will be co-opted onto the panel.

The University Scholarships Committee has the right to refrain from making an award if there are no suitable applicants and its decision is final.

### **Conditions of the Bursary**

The bursary may be held concurrently with other scholarships and bursaries, but this will be taken into account when assessing need.