

# Taranaki Tree Crops Association Scholarship

## Scholarship Regulations

### **Focus**

Tree Crop Research

### **Level of Study**

Postgraduate

### **Purpose**

The Taranaki Tree Crops Association Scholarship supports students interested in production of tree crops, especially those undertaking projects relevant to the Taranaki region.

### **Background**

This scholarship was initiated by a gift from the Taranaki Branch of the New Zealand Tree Crops Association.

### **Value and Tenure**

The value of the scholarship is determined each year from the interest earned on the capital.

The scholarship is offered annually and the tenure is for a single academic year.

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.

### **Typical Number on Offer**

One scholarship is typically offered each year.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- normally reside in New Zealand

- be enrolled full time for a postgraduate degree or postgraduate diploma in Applied Academic Programme disciplines relevant to agriculture or horticulture (paper prefix of 111, 112, 117, 119, 138, 188, 189, 238, 239, 283, 284 and 285) at Massey University.

### **Selection Criteria**

The selection criteria are academic merit and suitability of the proposed project. Preference is given to students undertaking a research project relevant to tree crop culture in New Zealand.

Consideration is given to any project of potential interest to Taranaki growers, whether for commercial or small-scale tree crop production. Applicants should provide an outline of the proposed research topic.

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

### **Selection Panel**

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee on the recommendation of the Applied Academic Programmes Scholarships Committee.

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

Trustees of the Taranaki Branch of the New Zealand Tree Crops Association are advised of the choice of student and of the project topic.

### **Conditions of the Scholarship**

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

Recipients are expected to provide a brief but informative written report. The report will be suitable for presentation at the annual conference of the New Zealand Tree Crops Association and for submission as an article for an appropriate New Zealand horticultural interest publication. A copy of this research dissertation will be offered to the Trustees of the Taranaki Branch of the New Zealand Tree Crops Association and copying expenses will be reimbursed.