

# Colin Aiken Plant Breeding Bursary

## Bursary Regulations

### Focus

Plant breeding.

### Level of Study

Undergraduate and Postgraduate.

### Purpose

The Colin Aiken Plant Breeding Bursary supports undergraduate and postgraduate students at Massey University and Lincoln University who are studying plant breeding.

### Background

This bursary was established in 2015 to promote plant breeding as a career. It was set up in association with South Pacific Seed Sales (NZ) Ltd with funds provided by royalties from sales of the Super Kumi hybrid variety of kumi kumi in acknowledgement of Colin Aiken who produced the variety. Mr Aiken died in 2017.

### Value and Tenure

The annual value of the bursary is up to \$1000 and the money is paid in one instalment.

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

### Typical Number on Offer

One bursary is offered each year.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled full time at Massey University or Lincoln University, studying plant breeding.

Preference may be given to New Zealand citizens, though students of other nationalities will be considered.

### Selection Criteria

The selection criterion is academic merit.

Consideration will be given to those intending to pursue a career in plant breeding.

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

### **Selection Committee**

The bursary is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee on the recommendation of the Applied Academic Programmes Scholarships Committee, with selection involving consultation with a representative from South Pacific Seed Sales Ltd and/or an Aiken family representative and plant breeding teaching staff.

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