

Sir Alan Stewart

Postgraduate Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Level of Study

Postgraduate

Purpose

The Sir Alan Stewart Postgraduate Scholarships encourage new postgraduate enrolments from other New Zealand tertiary institutions and to assist Massey University students to progress from undergraduate to postgraduate study.

Background

Sir Alan Stewart KBE (8 December 1917 – 1 September 2004) was the principal of Massey Agricultural College from 1959 to 1963 and founding vice-chancellor of Massey University from 1964 to 1983, during which time he guided the institution's transition from agricultural college to full university. He is noted for building the university's internationally recognised agricultural programme, as well as for greatly expanding the university's distance programme to make tertiary education available to rural New Zealanders. In 1940, Stewart was awarded Massey's second Rhodes Scholarship; however, his studies were interrupted by the outbreak of World War II and Stewart served in the Royal Navy for the duration of the war. He was knighted in 1981 for services to education.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is \$4000 for full-time students and pro-rated for part-time students for a single academic year.

Typical Number on Offer

Up to 40 awards may be awarded each year, contingent on funds available.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be enrolled or be intending to enrol full-time or part-time, either internally or via distance
- be in their initial year of a first postgraduate programme in the year the award is to be made
- be starting postgraduate study in the semester which directly aligns with the scholarship selection round
- have completed an undergraduate degree at a New Zealand university

Selection Criteria

Academic merit in the undergraduate degree. Consideration will normally only be given to students with a B+ GPA average or better.

Selection Panel

The scholarship is awarded by the University Scholarships Committee.

The committee has the right to refrain from making the award if there are no suitable applicants.

Conditions of the Scholarship

Students who have completed a postgraduate programme at any university are not eligible.

Payment will be made in two equal instalments upon confirmation of enrolment in each semester and following the University's official withdrawal date of these semesters.

Part-time students must be enrolled in no less than 30 credits in both semesters one and two (minimum of 60 credits over two semesters) to be eligible for this award.

Part-time students may re-apply for a second-year tenure. No guarantee will be given of a second award.

The tenure of the Sir Alan Stewart Postgraduate Scholarship must align with the start date of the enrolment of the postgraduate programme. For example, January selection round aligning with a semester one start, and June selection round aligning with a semester two start.

Students enrolling in 90 credit or greater research courses are not eligible to apply but may be eligible for other scholarships.

Applicants who were awarded, and are in receipt of, a 'Massey Scholarship' prior to 2020 are not eligible for the Sir Alan Stewart Scholarship.