

# The Heseltine Ecology Bursary

## Bursary Regulations

### Focus

Postgraduate research in Conservation Biology, Ecology, and Zoology.

### Level of Study

Postgraduate.

### Purpose

To encourage postgraduate research in zoology, behavioural ecology, ecology of plants or animals, or conservation biology at Massey University where practical fieldwork is a major component of the research.

### Background

The funds for the bursary have been donated by Massey University staff, Dr Ian Stringer and Associate Professor Alastair Robertson, from conservation-related contracts they held. In 2019, the Heseltine Trust provided an additional \$75,000 to the corpus of the fund and the Ecology Bursary was renamed the Heseltine Ecology Bursary.

### Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship shall be determined each year from the interest earned on the capital up to a value of \$2,500 per recipient in one year. The bursary is awarded annually and paid in one instalment.

At the discretion of the University, 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

Typically, one bursary will be offered each year. However if in any one year, two or more candidates are deemed to be equal, the bursary may be shared between these candidates.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be enrolled full time in a postgraduate programme at Massey University Manawatu campus.
- undertaking, or planning to undertake, research in Conservation Biology, Ecology or Zoology.

## **Selection Criteria**

The selection will be based on:

- academic merit.
- proposed research project.

## **Selection Committee**

The selection panel shall be chosen by the Ecology discipline leader and will consist of three academic staff members of Massey University. The bursary(s) will be awarded by the University Scholarships Committee on the recommendation of the selection panel.

## **Conditions of the Bursary**

Recipients of the Heseltine Ecology Bursary may apply in successive years, not exceeding a maximum of three years in total, subject to meeting the eligibility criteria.

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

In recommending the award of a bursary the selection committee may take account of other scholarships and bursaries held by the applicant with a view to achieving a reasonable distribution of available monies among qualifying candidates.

The Committee may decline to award any scholarships in any year if there are no applicants of sufficient merit to warrant an award.