



Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship for Maori Students

**Whenua: Sustainable Futures with Maori Land Scholarships for Maori Students
and
Purehuroa Professional Development Award for Maori Students**
(PPD Award available to Massey University Students Only)

Purpose

Masterate Scholarships and Doctoral Scholarships for Maori Students are offered for the purpose of encouraging postgraduate research at an approved New Zealand University, Wananga or Tertiary Institution.

A total of three Masterate Scholarships to the value of NZ\$2,500 each and one Doctoral Scholarship to the value of NZ\$5,000, will be awarded in 2010 for the 2011 academic year.

Scholarship recipients will be notified before the Conference. The successful applicant must be in attendance at the Conference to receive their award.

The scholarships are open to postgraduate students in agriculture, natural resource management, environment, ecology or any discipline related to Maori land development with an emphasis on sustainability and use of natural resources. The Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee reserves the right to refrain from making an award if applicants are not of sufficient merit.

Registration

The first fifteen (15) students to apply for the **Student Poster Exhibit Competition** and/or **Application for Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship for Maori Students** will receive complimentary registration to attend the full Conference, 21 to 23 July 2010 including the Conference Dinner on Thursday 22 July 2010.

You will be notified by Friday 16 July 2010 in writing if you were successful.

Eligibility

The scholarships are open to Maori students who are enrolled or eligible to enroll full-time for the thesis research component of their Masterate or Doctoral degree. The research component must be of sufficient credit/point value to qualify for thesis research (this may comprise two research papers studied in consecutive semesters that constitute a single project overall). A full-time candidate will be expected to work 40 - 50 hours per week on their Masterate or Doctoral qualification. Part-time applicants are not eligible. Consideration will normally only be given to students with a GPA of 6.5 or better (on a 9 point scale), or a B+ average or better in graduate level papers.



Applicants for the Purehuroa Professional Development Award for Maori Students must be current postgraduate students of Massey University.

Code of Conduct

Students shall comply with University Codes of Conduct.

Students shall act with courtesy, integrity, respect and professionalism between students, Conference delegates and the University and behave ethically when undertaking academic studies and research.

Academic Record

If you have studied at a New Zealand University, or overseas, you must provide a certified copy of your Academic Record for that study. The Whenua Scholarships Committee reserves the right to request further information regarding previous education or qualification(s). If English is not the first language at the institution(s) at which you studied, you must provide a certified translation of your Academic Record for that study.

Term

Every scholarship shall be tenable at a New Zealand approved University, Wananga or Tertiary Institution for a maximum period of 12 months devoted to full-time research.

Tenure

The tenure of every Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship shall commence in 2011. No deferrals beyond these dates are permitted.

Program of Research

Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, every applicant shall, during the tenure of the scholarship, be enrolled as a full-time student of a New Zealand approved University, Wananga or Tertiary Institution and shall pursue an approved program of research approved by the relevant institution's Academic Director for the Masterate or Doctoral degree.

Overseas Study

Applicants intending to pursue part of the approved program of research at a University or other approved Institution overseas are required to inform the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee in writing of the intended overseas study period, with a statement of support for this plan by their supervisor. Payments to applicants who proceed overseas will be made in New Zealand currency into a New Zealand bank account.



Value

The value of the Masterate Scholarship for Maori Students shall be \$2,500. The value of the Doctoral Scholarship for Maori Students shall be \$5,000. The Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee may reduce the value or amend the terms and conditions of a scholarship to meet the circumstances of individual applicants.

Payments

Payments will be made in one full payment, provided that enrolment is approved and the University, Wananga or Tertiary Institution has confirmed attendance by the applicant. Payments for applicants commencing their research in semester two 2011 will be made on confirmation of enrolment.

Conditions of Study

1. All applicants are required to engage in full time study in their approved program of research.
2. Applicants must advise the relevant institution's Academic Directors' office and the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee of the applicant's intention to cease active involvement in full time study, or to convert to part time study, in his/her approved program of research.
3. No Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship payments will be made to an applicant if, for whatever reason, the applicant is not actively involved full time in his/her approved program of research.
4. The applicant shall reimburse the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee for any Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship money paid to the applicant by the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee subsequent to the date the applicant, for whatever reason, ceases to be involved in full time study in his/her approved program of research.
5. Should the applicant withdraw, for whatever reason, from his/her approved program of research, the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee may, by written notice to the applicant at the applicant's last known address, require the applicant to repay the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee the full Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship money paid to the applicant by the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee during the tenure of the Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship, in which case the applicant shall repay the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee such amount.

6. Masterate and Doctoral Scholarships may be terminated at any time at the discretion of the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee for the following reasons:
- 6.1 Lack of satisfactory academic progress in the applicant's approved program of research; or
 - 6.2 Breach by the applicant of any of the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee rules or regulations.

In such circumstances the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee may, by written notice to the applicant at the applicant's last known address, require the applicant to repay the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee the full amount of the Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship money paid to the applicant, in which case the applicant shall repay the Whenua Conference Scholarship Committee such amount.

Co-tenure

Any Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship or part thereof may be tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award where the total value of all awards for Masterate scholarship does not exceed \$30,000 per annum, and where the total value of all awards for Doctoral scholarship does not exceed \$35,000 per annum.

Concessions

The Whenua Conference Scholarships Committee may, at its discretion, relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in any special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to any applicant for a scholarship or any person in receipt of a Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship.

Applications

Applications must be received by **Monday 12 July 2010**. Application forms are available from:

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Application forms are also available from www.whenuaconference.co.nz



Admission

An offer of a Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship is not an offer of admission to University, nor does it imply approval of enrolment in an approved program of research for a Masterate or Doctoral program.

International Applicants

International applicants must apply for admission to a New Zealand University, Wananga or Tertiary Institution on a separate application form available from the respective institution's International Office.

Definitions

In these Masterate and Doctoral Scholarship Regulations:

"Masterate and Doctoral Scholarship" includes a Masterate or Doctoral Scholarship for Maori Students.

Applications **MUST** be made on the Whenua: Sustainable Futures with Maori Land Conference, 21-23 July 2010 Scholarship Application Form. Applications made on any other form will **NOT** be accepted.

Applications cannot be accepted after **Monday 12 July 2010**.

Download an application form from: www.whenuaconference.co.nz