

The Anne Shannon Scholarship was established in 2000 with funds held in the Foundation. Dr Pat Shannon, DSc, QSM (1928-2018) worked at Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC) based at Newstead, Hamilton for 64 years. He was recognised for leading the science that improved the genetics of New Zealand dairy cattle since 1956. The award is named after his late wife, Anne Shannon and one award will be offered annually until 2031, when it is expected the funds will be depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship provides financial support for students studying towards their second year of a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Science (Technology) majoring in Ecology and Biodiversity and/or Molecular Cellular Biology at the University of Waikato.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 have completed one year of full-time study (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Science (Technology) at the University of Waikato.
- 2.1.2 be currently be enrolled full-time (a full-time academic year comprises 120-points) in their second year of study towards a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Science (Technology).
- 2.1.3 be majoring in Ecology & Biodiversity and/or Molecular Cellular Biology.
- 2.1.4 have achieved at least a B average in their first year of full-time study.
- 2.1.5 be enrolled in no less than 60 points of papers coded BIOEBxxx and/or BIOMOxxx.
- 2.1.6 be eligible for domestic fees status (i.e., be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ).

2.2. Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1 Academic Merit; and
- 2.2.2 Rationale for studying the degree-programme.

- 2.3. To **maintain eligibility** throughout the tenure of the scholarship, recipients must remain enrolled as per clause 2.1.1 and 2.1.2.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. The Scholarship has a value of **\$5,000** and will be paid in two equal instalments:
 - 3.1.1 \$2,500 will be paid directly to the recipient after the acceptance of the scholarship
 - 3.1.2 \$2,500 will be paid to the recipient after the withdrawal date of B Trimester in the year of award.
- 3.2. The Scholarship has a tenure of one year.
- 3.3. The successful applicant will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 3.4. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing dates for applications is **15 June annually**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must submit a Personal Statement (using the prescribed template) which outlines:
 - 4.2.1 Why they were inspired to undertake a bachelor's degree majoring in either Ecology & Biodiversity and/or Molecular & Cellular Biology at the University of Waikato.
 - 4.2.2 Any other information that may be of relevance to the Selection Panel.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (in the Chair), the Dean of the School of Science (or nominee), and an Academic Team Leader from Molecular Biology and Ecology and Biodiversity within the School of Science.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a decision if it finds there are no applicants of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decisions are final and no further correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, award, or prize, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 6.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.3. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120 points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 6.4. Through the School of Graduate Research and Student Services Division, the University monitors students' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a student's conduct is unsatisfactory.
- 6.5. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship or the University into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
- 6.6. By accepting a Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any related publicity arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 6.7. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#).