

WILLIAM GEORGETTI SCHOLARSHIP

Purpose

The purpose of the William Georgetti Scholarship is to encourage postgraduate study and research, in New Zealand or overseas, in a field that, in the opinion of the Scholarship Committee, is important to the social, cultural or economic development of New Zealand.

Every scholarship shall be tenable at a university or other institution approved for the purpose by the Scholarship Board.

Eligibility

A scholarship may be awarded to any person who:

- (a) Has resided in New Zealand for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the year of selection.
- (b) Is of good moral character and repute.
- (c) Is of good health certified to by a physician of repute.
- (d) Is the holder of a degree of a university in New Zealand or elsewhere or any other academic qualification of a university or other institution of learning (in New Zealand or elsewhere) reasonably equivalent in the opinion of the Scholarship Board to a degree of a university in New Zealand.

No discrimination shall be made in respect of race, creed or sex.

Term

The scholarship shall be tenable for a period of up to three years unless the Scholarships Committee, having regard to the programme of research or advanced study approved for any scholar, determines in respect of that scholar that the scholarship shall be tenable for a shorter period as it may specify.

If the Scholarship Board is satisfied that a scholar is unable to complete the programme of research or advanced study by the expiration of the period of tenure of the scholarship, then the Scholarship Board may, at its absolute discretion, grant an extension for a period to be determined in each case by the Scholarship Board but normally no extension shall increase the total period of tenure of any scholarship beyond three years.

Except with the express approval of the Scholarship Board, the total period of tenure of the William Georgetti Scholarship shall not extend beyond three years.

Commencing Date

The tenure of every scholarship shall commence on a date to be determined in each case by Universities New Zealand, which date shall be not later than 31 May in any year, or as soon as is practicable thereafter for the scholar to commence the programme of research or advanced study.

Value

For those students studying in New Zealand the emolument of a William Georgetti Scholarship shall be at a rate of up to \$20,000 per year for Masters study and \$30,000 per year for doctoral study. If a scholar also holds an award offered by a New Zealand university, and that award permits co-tenure, the emolument of the William Georgetti Scholarship shall usually be at the rate of \$10,000 per year if the scholarship is held in New Zealand.

For those students studying overseas the emolument shall be at a rate of up to \$NZ45,000 per year. An additional contribution towards tuition fees may be made.

A William Georgetti Scholarship shall not be tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award except with the permission of the Scholarship Board. In granting permission as aforesaid the Scholarship Board may impose such conditions as it thinks fit, whether as to reduction in the emolument of the William Georgetti Scholarship or otherwise.

Payments

Payments of the scholarship emoluments shall be made in such manner and on such conditions as shall be determined by Universities New Zealand.

Positions of Emolument

Every scholar shall be required to devote their whole time during the tenure of the scholarship to a programme of research or advanced study approved for the purpose by the Scholarship Board and may not hold a position of emolument except on such terms and conditions as the Scholarship Board may determine.

Reports

The holder of a William Georgetti Scholarship shall arrange for reports to be furnished to the Scholarship Board at such time or times as the Scholarship Board shall direct, from the governing body, or Dean, professor or other responsible officer of the university or institution at which the programme of research or advanced study is being pursued, as to the progress therein and generally as to conduct and ability and such other information as the Scholarship Board may require.

Suspension or Termination

The Scholarship Board may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the scholarship emolument as the Scholarship Board may determine, if it is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing the programme of research or advanced study or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded; and a scholarship shall be terminated and no further payments shall be made if a scholar ceases to pursue the aforesaid programme.

Power to Vary Regulations

The Scholarship Board may, if it thinks fit, relax or modify the application of any of these regulations in any special circumstances or in order to avoid hardship to any scholar or candidate for a scholarship.

Applications

Candidates shall apply for the scholarship on the application form provided by Universities New Zealand. Every candidate who is enrolled at a university in New Zealand shall forward the application to reach the Scholarships Office of the university at which s/he is enrolled not later than the first day of October preceding the year in which it is proposed to commence the programme of research or advanced study. Every other candidate shall forward their application to reach the Scholarships Manager of Universities New Zealand not later than the aforesaid first day of October. Every application shall be accompanied by:

- (a) A statement of the candidate's proposed programme of research or advanced study and an outline of the methods of investigation it is proposed to adopt.
- (b) The names of two persons from whom character references have been requested.
- (c) A statement as to the candidate's countries of residence during the previous five years.
- (d) A Curriculum Vitae.

Selection

The Scholarship Board shall summon to a personal interview such of the candidates as it finds desirable to see and, except in exceptional circumstances, no candidate shall be selected without such interview. The interviews will normally be held in March each year.

One or more scholarships may be awarded each year, but no scholarship shall be awarded upon any occasion if the Scholarship Board shall be of the opinion that there is no candidate of sufficient merit offering for the same.

The selection committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Medical Certificate

The award of a scholarship shall be conditional upon the production by the candidate to Universities New Zealand, by a date to be specified by the Committee, of a medical certificate of health satisfactory to the Committee.

Constitution of Scholarship Board

The award of every William Georgetti Scholarship shall be made by the Scholarship Board constituted as follows:

- (a) The Governor-General of New Zealand or such person as the holder of that Office may from time to time nominate;
- (b) The Prime Minister of New Zealand or such person as the holder of that Office may from time to time nominate;
- (c) The Chief Justice of New Zealand or such other Judge of the High Court or retired Judge of the High Court of New Zealand as the Chief Justice may from time to time nominate;
- (d) Two persons of academic distinction appointed by Universities New Zealand;
- (e) The President of the Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated or such person as the holder of that Office may from time to time nominate.