GORDON WATSON SCHOLARSHIP

The funds for this scholarship are provided by the income from a bequest made in 1951 by Isabel Evelyn Spencer Watson to the University of New Zealand. The scholarship is a memorial to her nephew, Clement Gordon Watson.

Purpose

The general purpose of the scholarship is to enable New Zealanders to study international relationships or social and economic conditions at a university overseas. Candidates will be planning to study at Masters or PhD level.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- have graduated with or be graduating from an Honours or Masters degree in arts, science, commerce, law or divinity from a New Zealand university
- be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

The intent of this scholarship is that applicants will not yet have studied abroad and will be applying for enrolment in a research Masters degree or a PhD at an overseas university in Europe, Asia or the USA.

Please note that to be eligible the planned Masters degree must have a substantial research component, i.e. at least half.

Value and tenure

If sufficient income is available at least one scholarship will be awarded every year. Award value varies but is normally NZ$12,000 per year.

Tenure for Masters students will be up to two years and for PhD candidates up to three years, with tenure beginning in the year of application.

Applications

Candidates must complete an application using the scholarships application website https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/login.aspx

The closing date is 1 March at 5pm.

Candidates need to include as part of their applications a statement of their school history, general activities, proposed course and subsequent intentions, together with evidence of their personal character and capacity for leadership. They will also need to request references.

Board of Selection

The scholarship will be awarded by a Board of Selection that consists of:

- the Governor-General for the time being or in his/her absence from New Zealand the Administrator of the Government
- the Anglican Bishop of Wellington for the time being
- the Minister of Education for the time being
- two members of the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee who will be appointed and may be removed and replaced from time to time.

The Governor-General, the Bishop of Wellington and the Minister of Education, if unable to act personally, may appoint another person to represent them on the Board of Selection.

Selection

In making the awards the Board of Selection shall have regard not only to the educational attainments but also the character and qualities of leadership of the candidates.

No scholarship will be awarded if the Board has determined that there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

The decision of the Board is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

Reports

All holders of a scholarship are required to make regular reports on the progress of their studies to Universities New Zealand as and when required and will make a final detailed report at the conclusion of the scholarship.

Universities New Zealand will send a copy of each report to each member of the Board of Selection. Universities New Zealand will be at liberty to publish any of these reports or make other use of them as it sees fit, and the expenses of any such publication will be covered by the income from the bequest.

Return to New Zealand

Candidates must confirm in writing that if awarded a scholarship they will return to New Zealand after their studies and reside in New Zealand for at least two years.

However, the Board of Selection may waive this requirement or release a scholarship-holder from this condition.

Termination

Universities New Zealand can terminate any scholarship and its emoluments at any time if it is not satisfied with the work or the conduct of the scholar.

Power to vary conditions and regulations

Universities New Zealand can on the recommendation of the Board of Selection at any time amplify, vary or rescind all or any of the conditions and regulations relating to the Scholarship, and of the award and tenure specified in the preceding clauses, and to add any further or substitute other conditions, provided that any changes will be consistent with the general purpose of the Scholarship.

Publicity

Scholars will agree to have their names and images published and be available for interviews with the media if required.