

## **THE KAURI MUSEUM MERVYN STERLING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kauri Museum Mervyn Sterling Memorial Scholarship is offered by the Otamatea Kauri and Pioneer Museum Trust Board to encourage undergraduate study and applied research in New Zealand in the fields of environmental conservation, ecology, natural heritage and Northland history (especially Otamatea County).

### *Eligibility*

Any person with strong affiliations with the old Otamatea County area will be eligible, subject to approval by the Selection Committee. Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

Applicants should meet **one** of the following criteria:

- their family residence is in the Otamatea County area
- they have a historic family connection to the Otamatea County area
- they have worked and/or studied for a reasonable time in the Otamatea County area.

Evidence of the connections with Otamatea County must be provided with the application.

NB: In 1997 the Otamatea County Council and Hobson County amalgamated to become Kaipara District Council. The old boundaries were Tokatoka in the west to Mangawhai in the east and included Ruawai, Matakohe, Paparoa, Tinopai, Huketere, Ararua, Maungaturoto, Kaiwaka and Mangawhai.

### *Tenure*

The scholarship may be awarded for one year at undergraduate level, and tenable at any New Zealand university in the year following application.

### *Value and payment*

The annual value of the scholarship will normally be \$2,000. The number of scholarships available may vary from year to year, but no scholarship will be awarded in any year if the Selection Committee is not satisfied that there is a candidate of sufficient merit.

### *Applications*

Applications must be made using the Universities NZ online scholarship application system: <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/>

**The closing date is 1 December at 5pm.**

The application will request and applicants must provide:

- proof of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency
- a written statement giving details of their affiliations to the old Otamatea County area
- copies of academic records to date.

#### *Programme of study*

The scholar shall, during the tenure of the scholarship, pursue a programme of study approved by the Selection Committee. The period of tenure of every scholarship shall commence on the date the scholar enters the approved programme.

#### *Reports*

Every scholar shall furnish to Universities New Zealand such reports (if any) as the Selection Committee may require.

#### *Co-tenure*

The scholarship shall be tenable with any other available scholarship, bursary or award, provided that the rules of the other award allow this.

#### *Selection*

The scholarships are made on the recommendation of a Selection Committee convened by Universities New Zealand. The Committee will include the Convenor of the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee and the Chairperson of the Otamatea Kauri and Pioneer Museum Trust Board, or their nominees. The Committee may co-opt other members at their discretion.

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

#### *Suspension or termination*

Universities New Zealand may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship, or require the forfeiture of such proportion of the scholarship as the Committee may determine, if it is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing the approved programme or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded. The scholarship shall be terminated and no further payments shall be made if a scholar ceases to pursue the approved programme.

#### *Publicity*

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