

## WOOLF FISHER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Woolf Fisher Scholarships were established in 2003 by the Trustees of the Woolf Fisher Trust to honour Woolf Fisher as co-founder, with Maurice Paykel, of the company Fisher & Paykel Limited (1934) and foundation chairman of New Zealand Steel Limited (1965). In 1960 he established the Woolf Fisher Trust for the advancement of scientific and general education. Its prestigious Fellowship programme has provided extensive study travel overseas for nearly 1000 secondary teachers. Woolf Fisher's outstanding contributions to industry and education in New Zealand were recognised with a knighthood in 1964 and will be perpetuated by these Scholarships.

### *Purpose*

The Woolf Fisher Trust offers up to three Scholarships each year tenable at the University of Cambridge or the University of Oxford for three or four years of postgraduate research leading to a doctoral degree or equivalent.

Woolf Fisher Scholars will have shown outstanding academic ability and will possess many of the qualities admired by Woolf Fisher: integrity, kindness and generosity, leadership, boldness of vision and exceptional zeal, keenness and capacity for work.

The Trustees hope that the Woolf Fisher Scholars will make a commitment to New Zealand and that their careers will show a pattern of distinguished service to society that, directly or indirectly, will enhance the cultural level and moral strength of New Zealand.

### *Eligibility*

The Scholarships are open to New Zealand citizens who:

- (a) are under the age of twenty-five in the year of application (i.e. will not have reached their twenty-fifth birthday by 31 December in the year the application is submitted)
- (b) attended a secondary school in New Zealand for at least two years, and
- (c) have graduated or are expected to graduate with a first-class honours degree from a university in New Zealand.

Note: The age criterion is extended by one year for graduates who, along with an MBChB degree, also have either a BHB(Hons) degree from Auckland or a BMedSc(Hons) degree from Otago. They should be under the age of twenty-six in the year of application.

No application will be considered from a student already living outside of New Zealand and no award will be made for post-doctoral study.

### *Value and Tenure*

A Woolf Fisher Scholar receives a maintenance allowance of £12,000 sterling per year for each year of full-time study towards the degree approved at the time of the award.

In addition the Trustees pay directly and on behalf of the Scholar the approved College Fee and University Composition Fee. An economy airfare to and from London is also provided annually for the personal use of the Scholar and is not transferable. It is estimated that each Scholarship will have a value of approximately \$100,000 per year.

The first half-yearly instalment of the Scholarship will be paid in mid September of the year in which study commences and the second in mid March. Further emoluments will be paid on each of the next anniversaries for the agreed tenure of the Scholarship, subject to the Trustees

receiving reports from the supervisor and the scholar of satisfactory academic progress in the past year.

The tenure of the Scholarship will normally be for three years of full time study. For study in a Faculty requiring a four year doctoral programme, the Scholarship will be extended by one year to a total of four years. The Scholarship will not be extended beyond four years.

Other awards may not be held concurrently with the Scholarship without prior consultation with the Secretary of the Woolf Fisher Trust.

### *Application and Procedure*

Candidates must apply on the prescribed forms to their university scholarships officer, or the Scholarships Manager, NZVCC, PO Box 11915, Wellington 6142 by 1 August each year in the year prior to that in which the scholarship will be taken up.

Every application must be accompanied by:

- (a) a certified copy of a birth certificate and/or proof of New Zealand citizenship;
- (b) a certified copy of the candidate's academic record;
- (c) a statement including: the proposed area of research, a preferred University and Faculty, a list of potential supervisors of the research and how your future career will benefit New Zealand;
- (d) a signed statement of the candidate's general interests and activities;
- (e) the names and contact details of three confidential referees who have been asked to report directly to the candidate's university or NZVCC by 1 August;
- (f) two unmounted photographs;
- (g) such other information as seems pertinent to the application or which may from time to time be required by the Selection Committee.

The two university academic referees should be advised that their references may be used to seek admission to a university Faculty and a College for the proposed research.

### *Selection Procedure*

Preliminary Committees of Selection at each university will summon a short-list of candidates to a personal interview. Each university may nominate up to three candidates to the NZVCC. These will be short-listed by a sub-committee of the Woolf Fisher Scholarship Selection Committee and invited to Auckland to a personal interview by the Selection Committee.

The selection committee's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting. Successful candidates will be notified at the completion of the interviews. They will have their Scholarships confirmed by the Secretary of the Woolf Fisher Trust following their acceptance for admission by a Faculty and a College at Cambridge or Oxford. Guidance on the admission application procedure will be provided by the Secretary of the Trust.

The Scholar will come into residence at Cambridge or Oxford in October in the year following selection. No deferment of a Scholarship to a later academic year will be permitted. No migration between Universities is permitted during the tenure of this Scholarship.

### *Power to Vary Rules and Regulations*

It shall be lawful for the NZVCC on the recommendation of the Woolf Fisher Selection Committee at any time and from time to time to amplify, vary or rescind all or any of the regulations relating to the said scholarships and the award and tenure thereof specified in the

preceding clauses and to add any further or substitute other conditions, provided that no such conditions shall be inconsistent with the general purpose of the said scholarships.