

## The William Georgetti Scholarships

### *Purpose*

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

A scholarship may be held at a university or other institution approved for the purpose by the Scholarship Board.

### *Eligibility*

To be eligible to apply for a William Georgetti Scholarship an applicant must:

- (a) have resided in New Zealand for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the year of selection.<sup>1</sup>
- (b) be of good moral character and repute.
- (c) be of good health.<sup>2</sup>
- (d) hold a degree conferred by a university in New Zealand or elsewhere, or any other academic qualification conferred by a university or other institution of learning (in New Zealand or elsewhere) reasonably equivalent in the opinion of the Scholarship Board to a degree from a New Zealand university.

Applications are welcome from eligible people of any age; however, the Scholarship Board shall generally give preference to candidates who are not over the age of twenty-six (26) at the closing date for applications.

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

Applications will not be accepted from people who are enrolled in a postgraduate programme of study or research if, at the closing date for applications:

- they have been enrolled for more than 9 months in their programme of study or research or
- they have less than 12 months remaining in their programme of study or research.

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix A.

<sup>2</sup> The Scholarship Board may ask successful applicants to provide a medical certificate which confirms their good health.

### *Term*

The term of each William Georgetti Scholarship is up to three years.

The Scholarship Board has discretion to vary the term of a scholarship.

In exercising their discretion, the Board will be informed by the information relating to the candidate's programme of study contained in their application.

### *Commencing Date*

Scholars are expected to commence their postgraduate programme by 1 November in the year the scholarship is awarded.

A later start may be requested from Universities NZ and must be approved by the Scholarship Board.

### *Value*

For scholars studying in New Zealand the usual value of a William Georgetti Scholarship award is:

- up to \$20,000 per year for Masters study.
- up to \$30,000 per year for Doctoral study.

For scholars studying overseas the usual value of a William Georgetti Scholarship award is:

- up to \$45,000 per year for Masters or Doctoral study.

The Scholarship Board will decide the value of each award.

In making their decision the Board will be informed by the information contained in the application relating to the candidate's anticipated costs and budget.

A William Georgetti Scholarship may not be held at the same time as another scholarship, bursary or award without the permission of the Scholarship Board.

When circumstances of other awards are known, the Scholarship Board will consider them at the time an award is made. If an additional award is made later, permission is to be sought from Universities NZ and must be approved by the Scholarship Board.

In granting permission, the Scholarship Board will consider any additional funding that the scholar will obtain and reserves the option of reducing the value of the William Georgetti award.

### *Payments*

The schedule for payment of the scholarship award will be determined by Universities NZ.

### *Positions of Emolument*

William Georgetti scholars are expected to devote their whole time during the tenure of the scholarship to the postgraduate study for which the award was made.

Scholars may not undertake paid employment without the permission of the Scholarship Board. Permission is to be sought from Universities NZ.

The Scholarship Board may set limits as to the amount or kind of paid employment that may be undertaken.

### *Reports*

During their tenure William Georgetti scholars are required to submit reports on their progress and achievements.

Reports are required from the scholar and from an academic who is teaching or supervising the scholar during their tenure.

The schedule for these reports will be determined by Universities NZ.

### *Suspension or Termination*

The Scholarship Board may at any time suspend or terminate any scholarship and in doing so may demand the reimbursement to Universities NZ by the scholar of a part or all of any award funds already paid.

Grounds for suspension or termination include but are not limited to:

- the scholar not diligently pursuing their postgraduate programme.
- the scholar failing to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded.

- the scholar withdrawing or being excluded from the postgraduate programme for which the scholarship was awarded.

### *Power to Vary Regulations*

The Scholarship Board may vary these regulations provided that such variations are consistent with the general purposes of the scholarship and of the William Georgetti bequest.

### *Applications*

Candidates must apply for the scholarship using the Universities NZ on-line scholarship application website: <https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com/>

Applications must be submitted by 1 February in the year of selection.

The on-line application process will request, and candidates must provide:

- a statement of the candidate's proposed programme of research or advanced study and, for research programmes, an outline of the methods of investigation it is proposed to adopt.
- the names of two people from whom character references have been requested:
  - one of these referees should be able to comment on the candidate's academic abilities and their potential to be successful in the planned programme of postgraduate study.
- a detailed statement of the candidate's countries of residence during the previous five years.
- a Curriculum Vitae.

### *Selection*

Eligible and complete applications will first be reviewed by the applicant's New Zealand university. If the applicant is not a graduate of a New Zealand university the application will be reviewed by a member of the Universities NZ Scholarships Committee.

From these reviews a limited number of applications will be submitted to the Scholarship Board for assessment.

The Scholarship Board will then short list a number of candidates who will be invited to a personal interview in Wellington.

In exceptional circumstances a telephone interview may be held.

No scholarship will be awarded without an interview.

The interviews will normally be held in April or May in the year of selection.

### *Awards*

The Scholarship Board will decide how many scholarships may be awarded in any year. If the Scholarship Board is of the opinion that there are no candidates of sufficient merit then no scholarships will be awarded.

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

### *The Scholarship Board*

William Georgetti Scholarships are awarded by the William Georgetti Scholarship Board.

Members of the Board are:

- the Governor-General of New Zealand, or their nominee.
- the Prime Minister of New Zealand, or their nominee.
- the Chief Justice of New Zealand, or their nominee.
- the President of the Federated Farmers of New Zealand Incorporated, or their nominee.
- two persons of academic distinction appointed by Universities NZ.

## Appendix A

Applicants will “have resided in New Zealand for a period of at least five years immediately preceding the year of selection”.

The Scholarship Board defines this eligibility criterion as the applicant having been present in New Zealand for at least 1,350 days during the previous five years, and for at least 240 days in each of those five years.

The previous five years are the five calendar years ending on the 31 December of the year immediately preceding the year of selection.

In this definition the Scholarship Board has drawn on the New Zealand government’s definition used by the Department of Internal Affairs.

If an applicant would not meet the criterion because they have been overseas undertaking educational activities approved by their New Zealand university or other tertiary provider, for example a semester at an overseas university, then they are able to apply for a waiver.

Applications for such a waiver must be submitted to Universities NZ ([scholarships-cf@universitiesnz.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships-cf@universitiesnz.ac.nz)) before the closing date for applications. Supporting evidence from the New Zealand university or other tertiary provider must be included in the application for a waiver.