

The Hilary Jolly Memorial Scholarship was established in 1978 under the provisions of the will of the late Dr Violet Hilary Jolly (MSc, PhD) with funds held in trust by the University of Waikato Foundation. The Scholarship supports University of Waikato students undertaking research in the field of Freshwater Ecology in New Zealand. Up to two scholarships will be offered each year. The total funding available each year is \$10,000 and will be awarded to up to two recipients each year. The scholarship will be offered annually until 2024 when it is anticipated that the funds will be depleted.

1. Purpose

- 1.1. To provide financial support for research students studying freshwater ecology in New Zealand as a part of their Master of Science or Master of Science (Research).

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 be enrolled or enrolling full-time (i.e. 120 points) or part-time in an MSc (Research) or an MSc at the University of Waikato.
- 2.1.2 be undertaking research in the field of freshwater ecology in New Zealand.
- 2.1.3 be a New Zealand Citizen, New Zealand Permanent Resident, New Zealand Resident Class Visa holder, Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in New Zealand or an international student.

2.2. Selection is based on:

- 2.2.1 Academic Merit.
- 2.2.2 The relevance and importance of the applicant's proposed study to the field of freshwater ecology, specifically in New Zealand.
- 2.2.3 The applicant's research ability and/or research potential.
- 2.2.4 Preference will be given to applicants studying full-time (i.e. 120 points).

2.3. To maintain eligibility throughout the tenure of the scholarship, recipients must:

- 2.3.1 enrol in either an MSc (Research) or MSc at the University of Waikato within 6 months of accepting the offer;
- 2.3.2 remain enrolled in this programme throughout the year of tenure.

3. Value, Tenure and Awarding

- 3.1. Up to two scholarships will be awarded each year with a total combined value of \$10,000.
- 3.2. The scholarship will be paid in one lump sum cash payment as soon as practicable after acceptance of Scholarship. upon confirmed enrolment in the approved programme of study (see clause 2.3.1)

- 3.3. The amount offered is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, period of enrolment, grades, financial need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.
- 3.4. The Scholarship will have a tenure of one year.
- 3.5. Successful applicant(s) will be advised of the offer of a Scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 3.6. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship, and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **15 May** each year.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - 4.2.1 a brief outline (300-400 words) of the proposed research topic, including the relevance and importance of the research to the field of freshwater ecology in New Zealand.
 - 4.2.2 details of any promotion or past research activities, such as seminars or conference presentations.
 - 4.2.3 any publications (if applicable).
 - 4.2.4 future study/career plans.
 - 4.2.5 a summary of any past or present work/employment history other than casual or part-time positions.
 - 4.2.6 a summary of any special circumstance considered relevant to the application.
- 4.3. As part of the application process, the candidate must also provide:
 - 4.3.1 A brief CV (no more than four A4 pages)
 - 4.3.2 Applicants must request the submission of an academic reference from the proposed supervisor of the research project (as per clause 2.1 b).
 - 4.3.3 If the applicant has tertiary qualifications from universities other than University of Waikato then they will also need to submit a verified copy of their academic record to be put forward for consideration by the selection panel.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of the Scholarships Committee representative from the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (in the Chair), Head of the School of Science (or nominee), and two academic staff members with experience in Freshwater Ecology (nominated by the Dean of Science).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making a recommendation if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any scholarship, award, prize or student allowance, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this. Applicants should advise the School of Graduate Research of any additional awards/funding they receive during the tenure of the Scholarship.
- 6.2. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.3. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.
- 6.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University or Sponsor into disrepute¹, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship
- 6.5. By accepting an award, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the award arranged by the University of Waikato or Sponsor in consultation with the other.

¹ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)