



Established 1968

## New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society

### NZFSS Scholarship in Freshwater Research

This scholarship is to support postgraduate research to gain a deeper understanding of any aspect of freshwater environments in Aotearoa. The research may include fundamental or applied science, mātauranga Māori, engineering, law, economics or any other field of relevance in freshwater management and protection. The scholarship is available to Masters and Honours degree candidates, tenable for the year in which they will undertake their thesis or dissertation research. Preference will be given to applicants who have limited financial resources, who may otherwise not be able to undertake or continue post-graduate study.

#### Conditions

1. One scholarship, with a current value **\$7,500**, will be available to support research commencing in 2021. There can be only one holder of this scholarship at any time.
2. The current holder of the scholarship will be known as the “NZFSS Scholar”.
3. The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is enrolled full-time in a Masters or Honours degree at any NZ University. Recipients studying for a Masters degree may hold the scholarship only during the thesis research phase of their degree programme.
4. To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must have met the academic requirements for enrolment in the relevant programme by 25 January in their thesis/dissertation year and must be enrolled by 30 June in that year. If a mid-year application round is offered, then these dates become 25 June for meeting academic requirements, and 31 December for enrolment. A recipient who is unable to enrol by the applicable deadline must seek permission from the NZFSS if they wish to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without this permission the award will be terminated.
5. The scholarship will be available for the period necessary for a student to complete 1.00 EFTS of their study (EFTS is “Equivalent Full Time Student”, and 1.00 EFTS is equal to one year of full-time study)
6. The scholarship will be awarded by the NZFSS Executive Committee, on the recommendation of an Awards Subcommittee, comprising 4 NZFSS Executive Committee members.
7. In recommending the award, the Awards Subcommittee will consider general suitability of the candidate, including their academic achievement to date, their ability to pursue the research proposed and the value of other scholarships held. As a general rule the scholarship will not be awarded to an applicant who already holds a scholarship, or scholarships, of greater than \$7,500 value.
8. Candidates must provide a one-A4-page research proposal, showing how their research aligns with current issues and problems of relevance to freshwater systems. They must also

provide evidence that appropriate academic supervision has been obtained for the research (e.g., a supporting comment and signature from a supervisor).

9. If there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award will be made and the subcommittee may re-advertise mid-year at their discretion.
10. Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship will lapse if it is not accepted, in writing, within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
11. A condition of acceptance is that recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance of the award, and are willing to present their research to an NZFSS conference or meeting. Additional funding may be made available to assist with travel and conference registration for this purpose.
12. In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from the specified course of study for which the scholarship is awarded, the scholarship will be withdrawn.
13. Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to university's statutes and regulations.

Information on the New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society (NZFSS) can be found at:

[www.freshwater.science.org.nz](http://www.freshwater.science.org.nz)

**Please provide details of the following:**

- Full name
- Date of birth
- A short candidate bio/CV including a statement of suitability for the scholarship
- Evidence of academic achievement to date (e.g., a university transcript)
- Details of other scholarships held and the amount of these
- Two character references
- Proposed programme of study
- Academic supervisor for the proposed research, and their confirmation of the commitment
- One-A4-page research proposal
- Signature and date affirming acceptance of the conditions of this scholarship as stated above

**Via email to:**

The Secretary

New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society (NZFSS)

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