



Established 1968

## New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society

### He Manawā ā whenua - Māori Freshwater Research Scholarship

#### *Mō wai, mōu māori mā – Water for all*

The New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society are currently taking applications for He Manawā ā whenua<sup>1</sup>. This scholarship is open to Māori students studying a Bachelor Honours Degree (or equivalent) or Master's Degree with a focus on freshwater ecosystems. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage Māori students to pursue a research career and develop their capability in freshwater ecology and/or kaupapa Māori research surrounding wai.

#### Conditions

1. The scholarship recipient will receive **\$7,500** on confirmation of their enrolment in a relevant research degree.
2. The scholarship recipient will be known as the "NZFSS He Manawā ā whenua Scholar". There can be only one holder of this scholarship at any time.
3. The scholarship will be awarded to a Māori student enrolled full-time or part-time in a Bachelor Honours Degree or Master's Degree (or equivalent, e.g. BSc Tech), at any NZ tertiary institute, working in an area of relevance to freshwater science. The scholarship will be available for the research period of the successful applicant's degree.
4. The scholarship will be awarded by the NZFSS Executive Committee, on the recommendation of an Awards Sub-committee, comprising four Executive Committee members including representatives of Te Wai Māori (the NZFSS Rōpū Māori).
5. In recommending the award, the Awards Subcommittee will consider general suitability of the candidate, including character, connection with hapū/iwi, academic achievement, ability to pursue research and the value of other scholarships held by the applicant. 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.
6. Candidates must provide a one-A4-page research proposal, demonstrating 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 (i.e. supervisor confirmation of study programme).
7. Applications for the scholarship must be made via an email to the Society, including the application details specified below, no later than 5.00pm on 30 November, or, if this is not a business day, by 5.00pm on the next business day.

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<sup>1</sup> Manawa ā-whenua are aquifers, bodies of water underground, unseen, many untapped! The potential for Māori students is primarily unseen, and for too many, untapped, waiting to be accessed.

8. If there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award will be made and the subcommittee may re-advertise mid-year (applications due 31<sup>st</sup> May, or next business day) at their discretion.
9. 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 year and must be enrolled by 30 June in thesis year. If a mid-year round is considered, 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. In addition, the applicant must provide a letter of support from a kaumatua/leader of Māori descent, which also evidences the applicant's whakapapa.
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.
12. Another condition of the award is that recipients must provide their profile and updates from their research for publication in the Rōpū Māori newsletter as well as present their results at a NZFSS conference as a student member of the NZFSS. Additional funding may be made available to assist with travel and conference registration for this purpose.
13. The scholarship shall automatically cease to be available to a student who, through withdrawal or failure to meet research programme requirements, is no longer eligible to pursue the programme of study for which the scholarship has been offered. The successful applicant may be required to repay the scholarship if they fail to complete their degree.

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
- Iwi/hapū connection
- A short candidate bio/CV including suitability for the scholarship
- Evidence of academic achievement to date
- Details of other scholarships held or applied for and the amount of these
- Proposed programme of study
- Academic supervisor confirmation of study programme
- Two character references, one of which must include a letter of support from a kaumatua/leader of Māori descent, which also evidences the applicant's whakapapa
- One-A4-page freshwater 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)

[info@freshwater.science.org.nz](mailto:info@freshwater.science.org.nz)