

John McArthur Geography Research Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Geography

Level of Study

Master's research

Purpose

The purpose of the John McArthur Geography research scholarship is to support students to undertake research at the master's level in geography.

Background

John McArthur was born in Nelson in 1941. He completed a Bachelor of Arts in Geography at the University of Canterbury in 1961, before gaining his Teacher's Certificate in 1962. He gained a university blue in yachting and played senior representative basketball for Canterbury B.

John taught at Akaroa District High School before returning to Canterbury to complete a Master of Arts in 1964. In 1966 he began a PhD at the University of Sheffield which he completed before returning to New Zealand in 1970 to take-up a position in the Geography Department at Massey University, Palmerston North where he remained until his retirement in 1997. John died in 2021 and left a bequest to be used to support research at Massey University.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship will be up to \$13,000 for full time students and, if funds permit, prorated for part time students up to \$6,500 per year. The tenure is for one year for full time students, or two years for part time students.

Typical Number on Offer

Typically, one scholarship will be offered each year.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- enrolled in a master's degree, or intending to enrol in a master's degree at Massey University
- enrolled full time or part time and intending to undertake a research course of 60, 90, or 120 credits in geography in the year of award

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on academic merit.

Preference will be given to students who intend to undertake a research project in geography supervised by a geographer.

Selection Committee

The scholarship will be awarded by the University Scholarships Selection Committee based on the recommendation of the Programme Lead, Geography, Massey University.

The Committee has the right to refrain from making the award if there are no suitable applicants.

Conditions of the Scholarship

The scholarship may be held in conjunction with other scholarships, bursaries, or awards, so long as those scholarships, bursaries or awards permit co-tenure.

Payments will be made in four equal instalments.