

Peter Hawkins

Food Technology Scholarship

Scholarship Regulations

Focus

Food Technology

Level of Study

Undergraduate - 4th year

Purpose

The purpose of the Peter Hawkins Food Technology Scholarship is to support fourth-year students entering the Bachelor of Food Technology (Honours) at Massey University.

Background

The Peter Hawkins Food Technology Scholarship was established in memory of Peter Hawkins who passed away in June 2024. Its purpose is to help the recipient become part of the New Zealand Food Industry, something which was dear to Peter's heart.

Peter founded Hawkins Watts Limited, one of New Zealand's most respected and successful food ingredient businesses, in 1992. Peter was passionate about the food industry and was a member of the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology (NZIFST) since 1977, including stints on the National Executive Committee, and was also the Chair of the Auckland Branch. Peter also managed the NZIFST national magazine "The Food Technologist" and chaired the Institute's Publications Committee for Food NZ. Right to the end of his life, Peter saw the immense value of the NZ food industry and actively encouraged his team to be part of that. This scholarship endeavours to continue that passion.

Value and Tenure

The value of the scholarship is \$10,000 and the tenure is one year.

Successful recipients will also have the opportunity to undertake paid work for 3 months at Hawkins Watts following the completion of their fourth year.

Typical Number on Offer

One scholarship is available annually.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- Enrolling in the fourth and final year of the Bachelor of Food Technology (Honours) in the year of award;
- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents; and
- willing to undertake paid work for three months at Hawkins Watts following the completion of the fourth year of study.

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on:

- academic merit, with applicants expected to have a minimum GPA of B+ to be considered; and
- the applicant's commitment to working in the New Zealand food industry as demonstrated in a supporting statement.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to attend an interview.

Selection Committee

The scholarship will be awarded by the University Scholarship Selection Committee on the recommendation of a panel consisting of staff from the School of Food Technology and Natural Sciences and representations from Hawkins Watts.

Conditions of the Scholarship

Recipients are expected to engage with Hawkins Watts regarding Hawkins Watts sponsoring the final year research project.

Any employment that may arise from this scholarship remain a contractual issue purely between Hawkins Watts and the recipient (employee).

Payment will be made in two equal instalments following Massey University's official withdrawal date without financial penalty in semesters one and two.

Co-tenure is permitted with other scholarships, bursaries, and awards provided the other scholarships, bursaries and awards permit co-tenure.

The selection committee may refrain from making an award if in their opinion there are no suitable applicants.