



NEW ZEALAND MEAT INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

Introduction

This scholarship is the *New Zealand Meat Industry Scholarship*. The scholarship was established in 2017 and is financed by the Food Innovations Training Trust and administered by the New Zealand Meat Industry Association (MIA).

Purpose

The New Zealand meat industry is one of New Zealand's largest industries, exporting \$8 billion worth of product annually and employing more than 24,000 people. In the past three decades the industry has transformed itself, developing new products, adopting new technologies and automating production, and selling to new overseas markets. To grow in future, the industry needs ambitious and highly skilled people.

The main purpose of the scholarship is to provide a pathway for undergraduate and graduate students into the New Zealand meat processing industry.

Scholars will receive financial support during their tenure and will have the opportunity of vacation or part-time work with the New Zealand meat processing industry.

At the completion of their programme of study scholars will have the possibility of a career in the meat processing industry.

Number

Undergraduate:

Each year eight scholarships for undergraduate study will be available.

Postgraduate:

Each year two scholarships for postgraduate study will be available.

In any year the MIA may vary the number of scholarships available.

Value and Tenure

Undergraduate:

Each undergraduate scholarship carries an award of \$5,000 pa.

Tenure is for up to three years while the scholar undertakes a Bachelors' or Diploma programme at a New Zealand university or polytech (this may be extended depending on the programme of study).

Postgraduate:

Each postgraduate scholarship carries an award of \$10,000 pa.

Tenure is for up to two years while the scholar undertakes a Masters' or Doctoral programme at a New Zealand university or polytech (this may be extended depending on the research).

Area of Study/Subject Area

Areas of study which will be of interest to the MIA are those which are relevant or potentially relevant to the New Zealand meat processing and export industry.

While the industry seeks graduates in food sciences and engineering this does not preclude other areas of study that the applicant can show are relevant to the meat processing and export industry, for example: human resource management, environmental science, international marketing, process design, industrial innovation, etc.

The MIA is responsible for deciding on the relevancy to the meat processing and export industry of any proposed area of study.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship applicants must be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

Applications

Candidates should complete an application using the scholarship's application on the [MIA website](#).

The closing date by which applications must be submitted is 1 December.

The application form will request and all applicants must provide:

1. Evidence of New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.
2. A CV, which includes details of academic qualifications and distinctions.
3. A statement which describes the relevance to the industry of their chosen area of study.
4. A statement which explains their interest in and objectives for a career in the industry.
5. The names of two referees who can comment on the person's potential to succeed in the meat processing industry and succeed in their chosen programme
6. For each year of the scholarship, proof that the previous year's courses have been passed and work undertaken in the industry.

Selection

The MIA has the responsibility of assessing all applications and making the undergraduate and postgraduate scholarship awards.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria used by the MIA in their assessments include, but are not limited to:

- academic achievements and potential.
- interest in a future career in the meat processing and export industry.
- the relevance of the area of study to the meat processing and export industry (see above).
- potential future contribution to the industry.

Payments and Reports

Payment to scholars of award funds will be made at the start of each academic year of their tenure.

Payments for second and subsequent years will be subject to:

1. successful completion of the previous academic year and



2. submission of a report outlining meat experience gained from either work experience and / or a meat related project.

Full details of the payment schedule and the requirement for progress reports will be contained in the letter of offer.

Upon completion

At the completion of their programme of study scholars will have the possibility of a career in the meat processing industry (should a processing company wish to make the offer).

Suspension or Termination

The MIA has the right to request part or all funding be repaid should the scholar withdraw from their courses.

Administration

This scholarship is administered by the MIA.

Power to Vary

The MIA may vary the regulations of the scholarship. Variations will not depart from the main purposes of the scholarship.