

MIA scholarship supports environmental studies

Adding a Master of Environmental Management to his Bachelor of Agricultural Commerce degree provides Ben Schilt with plenty of options for his future in the red meat sector.

“There are many different career opportunities in the sector,” says Ben, who works as a commercial analyst for ANZCO Foods in Christchurch while completing his Masters through Massey University.

“In future, I’m open to different options in the industry. I’m really enjoying studying the international side of things from an environmental perspective and would like to eventually use that in policy.”

Ben was raised on a Rotorua dairy farm and after graduating with his initial degree from Massey University, he worked as a commercial analyst for Westpac before spending a year in China, studying Mandarin.

While overseas, he also embarked on his Masters which he is doing by distance learning. He joined ANZCO on his return and is using the MIA scholarship to cover the costs for his final Masters papers this year.

MIA offers four post-graduate scholarships annually, with an award of \$10,000 a year for each year of study. In addition, part-time or vacation work in the meat industry may be offered.