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**Living Streams  
Community Nursery**

## **Banks Peninsula Ecological Restoration Scholarship Regulations**

### **Background**

Living Streams Community Nursery is a small eco-sourced native plant nursery located at Little River, mainly run by volunteers. Our goal is to “Green the Peninsula”.

The Nursery is the inspiration of local environmentalist Annelies Pikelharing of Little River, who is driven by a passion for native plants, riparian planting and a strong sense of community. It began life over ten years ago on a small area of public land in Little River, with keen volunteers collecting seeds and propagating native plants. An early community project was planting the banks of the Okana River.

In 2017 the Nursery became an Incorporated Charitable Trust. We have a thriving site in Little River, on Christchurch City Council land behind the Library. Volunteers meet twice a week to sow seeds, prick out seedlings, pot up and cherish our eco-sourced plants. Seeds are collected by volunteers in the Herbert and Akaroa ecological zones.

We employ a part-time nursery manager and occasionally use local contractors for improvements, such as the new irrigation system. Our income is from nursery sales.

Our projects are large and small. We sell eco-sourced plants to local gardeners, to farmers with re-forestation projects, the Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury (ECan) for community plantings, and to local community groups for projects, such as school or riparian plantings.

We are enthusiastic about promoting native regeneration on Banks Peninsula by providing a scholarship for Lincoln University students. Successful recipients will be further supported by introductions to Peninsula conservation groups – allowing for opportunities for local experience, work, study or research.

### **1. Purpose**

Living Springs Nursery has established this scholarship in 2025 to support a Lincoln University postgraduate student with an interest in ecological restoration on Banks Peninsula.

### **2. Number/Value**

Up to two \$5,000 scholarships (at the discretion of the selection committee) will be offered annually to full-time postgraduate students with a research project (existing or proposed) on ecological restoration on Banks Peninsula.

### **3. Eligibility**

Applicants must be full-time postgraduate students from Lincoln University studying ecology, plant science, agriculture or horticulture; with an interest in undertaking research in ecological restoration on Banks Peninsula.

#### **4. Selection Criteria**

The criteria for selection will be

- a. Academic Merit
- b. Applicants must be able to demonstrate their interest to undertake postgraduate research in ecological restoration on Banks Peninsula.
- c. Students with barriers to university study are encouraged to apply; e.g. (but not limited to) financial, first generation at university, minority groups, dependents.

#### **5. Selection Committee**

The scholarship shall be awarded based on a recommendation of the selection committee which shall comprise:

- a. A representative from the Scholarship Committee or nominee.
- b. A representative from Lincoln University's Department of Pest Management and Conservation or nominee.
- c. A representative from the Alumni and Development Office or nominee.

Shortlisted applications will be presented to the Living Stream Nursery (or nominee) for their consideration and recommendation.

The selection committee may request the applicant to attend an interview of no more than 20 minutes as part of the selection process.

The selection committee may refrain from making an award if it finds no candidate of sufficient merit.

#### **6. Tenure**

- a. The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- b. The scholarship is tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award unless the conditions of the other award preclude it.
- c. Successful scholars will be expected to present their research project to Banks Peninsula community at community meetings, and must be willing to participate in editorial content i.e. news articles.

#### **Application**

Application forms are available from the Lincoln University scholarships website:  
[www.lincoln.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/scholarships)

Applications close 31 October with the Scholarships Office at Lincoln University.



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### **APPLICATION FORM**

<b>Student</b>	
Family Name:	
First Name/s:	
Date of Birth:	
Postal address:	
Email address:	
Mobile number:	
Lincoln Student ID Number:	

<b>Academic Information</b>	
Academic Distinctions:	
Course of Study at Lincoln:	
Summarise your intended postgraduate research in ecological restoration on the Banks Peninsula.	Tick when attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Include any barriers you face to study at Lincoln University (if applicable).	Tick when attached <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>References</b>	
Please request two confidential letters of reference to support your application. Ask the referees to send their references directly to the Scholarships Office via email – <a href="mailto:scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz">scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz</a> Please provide the name, title, address, phone number and email address for your two referees. referees:	
Referee 1:	Referee 2:

Declaration: I declare that the information contained in and provided in connection with this application is true and correct. I acknowledge that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Signature:

Date:



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Please submit your application to the Lincoln University Scholarships Office no later than 31 October.

Candidates shall submit applications directly to the Scholarships Office via email  
[scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz)

Phone: (03) 423-0000

Website: [www.lincoln.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/scholarships)

### **Terms and Conditions for Scholarship Applicants**

Applications must be submitted by the due date advertised on the Application Form.

Applications received after the closing date may not be considered. Where you are asked to provide references or referees in support of your application, it is your responsibility to contact your referees and ask them to send their references to the Scholarships Office direct. References sent to the Scholarships Office should be clearly marked with your name and the name of the scholarship(s) for which you are applying. Referees should not be asked to send their references to you, as they must have the opportunity to be completely frank. Non- receipt of references or incomplete applications may prejudice your eligibility. The Scholarships Office may contact your referees to discuss references and your application(s).

If official documents are requested as part of your scholarship application, please do not send original documents. Send only copies that have been certified by a Justice of the peace, a solicitor, or a staff member in the Lincoln University registry. **Unless specifically requested, please do not send a curriculum vitae.** Lincoln University accepts no responsibility to return any original documents submitted.

Information submitted with your application must be true and correct.

A breach of Lincoln University's policies or procedures, including a disciplinary or code of conduct finding against you, may result in a scholarship being rescinded.

Information provided by you as part of your application, together with information already held by Lincoln University (including your academic record), will be shared with, and considered by, the Scholarship's Selection Committee.

The scholarships advertised by Lincoln University are subject to availability and the advertised offerings may change without notice, prior to award.

If you have any queries regarding your eligibility or how to apply, please contact the Scholarships Office on 0800 10 60 10 or [scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz)