

# **DON HULSTON FOUNDATION**

## **SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS**

### **1. Purpose**

The purposes of the Don Hulston Foundation are to encourage and promote post-graduate research with particular emphasis on practical and applied research in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and aquaculture, and to promote research that is of benefit to the New Zealand economy.

### **2. Number**

- (1) One scholarship shall be awarded per year to the value of \$21,000 plus domestic tuition fees.
- (2) The Don Hulston Foundation does not undertake to award a scholarship in every year if it is deemed there are no suitable candidates.

### **3. Eligibility**

- (1) Scholarships will be open to any post-graduate student from Lincoln University who is a New Zealand citizen or has been resident in New Zealand for a period of not less than five years at any time during his or her lifetime.
- (2) Scholarships will be open to candidates who are eligible to register as candidates for postgraduate study (research only), PhD or the thesis year of a Masters degree.
- (3) A scholarship may be awarded to a person who is not eligible to register as a candidate with Lincoln University provided he or she becomes eligible to so register by 1 March in the year following the awards, or by such other date as may be determined by the Vice Chancellor in a particular case.
- (4) If a candidate awarded a scholarship under 3(3) above does not become eligible to register at Lincoln University by 1 March or by the date determined under the provisions of 3(3) above, then the award will lapse.

### **4. Selection Criteria**

- (1) The candidate shall be undertaking or planning to undertake an area of research which is aligned with the focus and requirements of the Don Hulston Foundation Scholarship.

- (2) The proposed research area or topic has sufficient scope, complexity, or depth commensurate with research at the required level.
- (3) The candidate must meet all of Lincoln University's academic selection criteria for admission into the relevant programme.

The Selection Committee shall also take the following factors into account but the failure by any applicant to comply with one of the criteria shall not be a bar to receiving an Award:

- Financial need
- Practical experience in the primary production sector
- The likely time frame for the application of the results of the research for the benefit of New Zealand, on the basis that a shorter period is to be preferred over a longer period
- The extent to which results can be expected to be applied in practice.

## **5. Selection Committee**

The selection committee shall consist of:

- (1) Convenor of the Lincoln University Scholarships Committee or nominee
- (2) The current President of the Alumni Association of Lincoln University.
- (3) Two persons appointed by the Trustees of the Don Hulston Foundation.

## **6. Term**

- (1) Every scholarship shall be tenable for a maximum of one year from the commencement date of the tenure of the scholarship except as otherwise provided in clause 6(2) below.
- (2) Successful applicants may reapply in subsequent years provided the scholar has the eligibility to register as a candidate at Lincoln University for the year of application or as per 3(3) above.

## **7. Programme of Research**

During the tenure of the scholarship, every scholar shall be enrolled as a full-time student for thesis year of Masters or PhD at Lincoln University.

## **8. Commencement**

- (1) Except as provided in 8(2) below the tenure of the scholarship shall begin at the commencement of the Semester immediately following the award, or if clause 6(1) Applies, on the date of the scholar's registration for the degree at Lincoln University, whichever is the later.

- (2) Where a scholar has been registered for the degree of thesis year of Masters or PhD prior to the award of the scholarship, the tenure of the scholarship shall begin at the commencement of the Semester immediately following the award, or on such other date as shall be determined by the President of the Alumni Association and the Trustees in a particular case.

## **9. Deferral/Temporary Suspension of Study**

- (1) No deferment is available for this scholarship.
- (2) Once the scholarship has commenced, President of the Alumni Association and the Trustees at their discretion, may grant a temporary suspension of the scholarship, without emolument, for up to one year having taken into account the scholar's circumstances and the progress of the study.

## **10. Payments**

- (1) Fortnightly stipend paid two weeks in arrears

Note: The current value of the award is \$21,000 per annum plus domestic fees.

- (2) The first payment shall be made as soon as practicable after the student has registered for the thesis year of Masters or PhD at Lincoln University.
- (3) At the request of the scholar, the amount of the emolument may be reduced to an amount specified by the scholar.

## **11. Co-Tenure**

- (1) The scholarship is not tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award.

## **12. Positions of Emolument**

- (1) A scholar is expected to devote his or her whole time to study for the relevant thesis year of Masters or PhD at Lincoln University.
- (2) A scholar may hold a position of emolument while receiving a scholarship provided that he or she meets the University's requirements for registration as a full-time student for the degree of the relevant thesis year of Masters or PhD at Lincoln University.

Note: In order to meet the university's requirements for registration as full-time Masters or PhD student, a scholar may work no more than ten hours per week during the academic year.

### **13. Reviews of Progress**

- (1) The Scholarships Manager shall, in January and July of each year, request from the Director of the Division in which the scholar is registered, a report on the scholar's progress.
- (2) If the supervisor at any time is satisfied that the scholar is not diligently pursuing his or her studies; or is not complying with the conditions of the scholarship; or is not making satisfactory progress, then the Scholarships Committee may suspend or terminate any scholarship or require the forfeiture of any proportion of the scholarship emolument:
  - (a) If the above applies the scholar is given a reasonable chance to meet any expectations for improvement (4 weeks).
  - (b) If the scholar's performance has not improved at the end of the 4 weeks, then the Scholarship Committee may terminate or suspend the scholarship at their discretion.

### **14. Applications**

Candidates shall submit applications no later than **1 October** of the year preceding the award of the scholarship. Applications will be submitted on the form provided by the Scholarships Manager.

**These regulations shall take effect from 1 January 2007.**