

**Lincoln University**  
**Centre of Excellence: Sustainable Tourism for**  
**Regions, Landscapes and Communities**



**Research Master's (Thesis) Scholarship**

**Regulations**

**1. Background**

Lincoln University's *Centre of Excellence: Sustainable Tourism for Regions, Landscapes and Communities* was established in November 2018. The aim of the Centre of Excellence is to conceptualise, design and test innovations with the greatest potential to help grow the value of tourism and enrich the tourist experience, while simultaneously restoring, protecting and enhancing the integrity of landscapes and ecosystems, and the social and cultural values of destination communities.

A core objective of the Centre of Excellence is to develop research opportunities for students interested in exploring emerging issues, challenges and opportunities confronting tourism in Aotearoa New Zealand.

**2. Purpose**

The purpose of this Research Master's (thesis) Scholarship is to support a student who displays an interest in advancing our understanding of the changing tourism landscape in Aotearoa New Zealand, especially in the pandemic / post-pandemic and climate change contexts. Thesis topics should contribute to one (or more) of the following broad themes:

- Enhancing resilience in rural tourism destinations
- Protecting and enhancing nature-based tourism settings
- Opportunities and challenges for domestic tourism in Aotearoa New Zealand
- Exploring the potential for regenerative or low carbon tourism
- Food security and tourism in Aotearoa New Zealand

**2. Number/Value**

One Master's (thesis-only) Scholarship is available with a negotiable start date in 2021.

The scholarship is open to any student currently enrolled in, or who has gained entry to, a Research Master's degree programme (120 credit thesis) at Lincoln University. The Master's degree should be relevant to the core objectives of the Sustainable Tourism Centre of Excellence.

The maximum total value of the scholarship will be \$15,000 plus tuition fees.

### **3. Eligibility**

- (a) Applicants who are enrolled in, or have gained entry to, a relevant Master's thesis programme at Lincoln University
- (b) Applicants must be New Zealand Citizens/Permanent Residents

### **4. Selection Criteria**

The criteria for selection will be:

- (a) Academic Merit (B+ average in post-graduate coursework)
- (b) The extent to which an outline of a brief thesis proposal (maximum of two paragraphs) aligns with the core objectives of the Centre of Excellence
- (c) A demonstrated interest in, and capacity to address, themes significant to the Centre of Excellence
- (d) Relevance of previous study or experience
- (e) Evidence of excellent written communication skills

### **5. Selection Committee**

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

- The convenor of the Lincoln University Scholarships Committee, or nominee; and
- At least two members of staff from Lincoln University's Sustainable Tourism Centre of Excellence including the Head of the Centre, or their nominee; and
- An external representative.

The selection committee may request the applicant to attend an interview as part of the selection process.

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

## **6. Co-Tenure**

- (a) The scholarship is tenable for a maximum of 1 year, subject to satisfactory academic performance reports.
- (b) The scholarship is tenable with any other scholarship, award or bursary provided that prior approval is gained from the Selection Committee specified in Regulation 5.
- (c) The scholarship is tenable with up to 10 hours of paid employment (on average over one-year).

## **7. Review of Progress**

The successful recipient should be prepared to meet with, and report on progress with their nominated supervisors, as well as meet with other staff at the request of the University's Centre of Excellence.

## **8. Application**

Application forms are available from the Lincoln University website:

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

Applications close: **15 March, 2021.**

Applications to be sent to:

Lincoln University Scholarships Office  
[scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz)