

Mt Hutt Bike/Forest Park Research Master's (Thesis-only) Scholarship in Recreation Demand

Regulations

1. Background

In 2020, Lincoln University established a Living Laboratory with the goal of ensuring students have the opportunity to engage in problem solving with partners external to the University. One such partner is Sir Graeme Harrison, who owns Mt Hutt Bike/Forest Park, an area which provides multiple opportunities for studying issues in the land-based sector including the role of policy and planning regulations, recreation demand and meeting the challenges of pest and weed incursion.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Research Master's (thesis-only) Scholarship is to support a student who displays an interest in advancing our understanding of recreation demand potential through Mt Hutt Bike/Forest Park as outlined in the following:

Aotearoa New Zealand is currently in the midst of unprecedented social and demographic change in which the population's age structure, ethnic composition, geographic concentration and income distribution are undergoing rapid transformation (Spoonley, 2020). Coupled with emerging trends linked to environmental change, technological innovation and new attitudes to health and well-being, public and private sector decision-makers urgently require quality information about outdoor recreation demand across a variety of settings in order to future-proof planning for, and management of, large natural resource areas set aside for public access.

With these critical socio-cultural, technological and environmental developments as a backdrop, this research aims to undertake an assessment of the recreation demand potential for the Mt Hutt Forest Park initiative. More specifically, the research will determine current and future recreation demand for the Mt Hutt Forest Park, and identify sites and activities most likely to engage people's interest in this setting. The demand analysis will need to adopt a visitor experience perspective and align with existing and anticipated data on the area's natural values and land use planning context.

The case study area is the Mt Hutt forest park, a multi-use setting currently comprising commercial forestry, native (regenerating) bush and outdoor recreation infrastructure (including mountain bike park, walking tracks, and access to the Mt Hutt Ski area). It is anticipated that this research will ultimately help inform a multi-disciplinary 'master plan' for the Mt Hutt Forest Park, which combines recreation demand alongside the environmental planning context and ecological restoration scenarios.

3. Number/Value

One Master's (thesis-only) Scholarship is available with a negotiable start date in 2022.

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

4. Eligibility

- a. The Scholarship will be open to full-time students eligible to register for the Master of Applied Science.
- b. Applicants must be New Zealand Citizens/Permanent Residents

5. Selection Criteria

The criteria for selection will be:

- a. Academic Merit (minimum B+ average in post-graduate coursework)
- b. Relevance of previous study or experience

6. 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 the Department of Tourism, Sport and Society

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.

7. 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).

8. Review of Progress

The successful recipient should be prepared to meet with, and report on progress with their nominated supervisors.

9. Application

Application forms are available from the Lincoln University website:
www.lincoln.ac.nz/scholarships

Applications close: **31 October, 2021.**

Applications to be sent to:

Lincoln University Scholarships Office
scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz

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APPLICATION FORM



Student Information	
Family Name:	
First Name/s:	
Date of Birth:	
Postal address:	
Email address:	
Mobile number:	
Lincoln Student ID Number: <i>(if known)</i>	

Academic Information	
List all tertiary institutions you have previously studied at:	
Highest Tertiary Qualification achieved:	
Provide certified copies of academic transcripts for all tertiary qualifications	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>(tick when attached)</i>
Please provide a statement of your research interests on a separate sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>(tick when attached)</i>
List any Academic Prizes of Distinctions previously held: <i>(excluding school awards)</i>	
Course of Study at Lincoln:	
Name the Faculty in which you plan to study:	

Financial Information	
Financial assistance being received or expected: <i>(other scholarships, bursaries, awards, student allowances, etc)</i>	

References	
Please submit two confidential academic letters of reference with your application.	
Please provide the name, title, address, phone number and email address for your two 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:

Please submit your application to the Lincoln University Scholarships Office no later than 31 October 2021.

Candidates shall submit applications directly to the following addresses:

Scholarships Office
Ground floor George Forbes building
Phone: (03) 423 0000

Email: scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz

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