



Rugby and Industry Experience Scholarship

Regulations

1. Purpose

The Rugby and Industry Experience Scholarship was established in 2024 by the Springston Rugby Club and its rural business connections, to encourage and reward excellence for students wishing to make a career in the agricultural, horticultural or property management sectors; as well as advancing their rugby playing opportunities.

2. Number/Value

Five scholarships will be offered annually to a full-time student studying at Lincoln University. The annual value of the scholarship shall be \$4,000 towards tuition fees or living expenses/accommodation.

The scholarship is intended to support students wishing to advance their academic and rugby careers. Successful awardees must be willing and able to play Division 1 rugby for the Springston Rugby Club in the Ellesmere Rugby Competition, attend all training and practices, communicate effectively with the club, other players, and the coaching staff. Successful awardees will have their rugby subscriptions paid and will be given suitable rugby training gear.

In addition, and provided suitable positions are available, the Springston Rugby Club partners in the dairy, sheep and beef, cropping, horticulture and building/property industries may also offer the awardee vacation work during the tenure of the award. However, the scholarship is not conditional on accepting this offer.

3. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must be entering their first or second year of study towards one of the following programmes at Lincoln University:
 - Diploma of Agriculture
 - Bachelor of Agriculture
 - Bachelor of Agricultural Science
 - Bachelor of Commerce (Agriculture)
 - Bachelor of Commerce (Horticulture)
 - Bachelor of Land and Property Management
- b. Applicants must be New Zealand Citizens or Permanent Residents.

4. Selection Criteria

The criteria for selection will be

- a. Academic Merit
- b. Evidence of and/or planned activity to support the New Zealand dairy, sheep and beef, cropping, horticulture and building/property industries.
- c. Ability to make a positive performance impact at the Division 1 Country Rugby Competition.

5. Selection Committee

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

- a. The convenor of the Scholarships Committee, or nominee
- b. A representative from Springston Rugby Football Club.

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. Tenure

- a. The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- b. The scholarship is tenable with any other scholarship, award or bursary.

7. Application

Applications close on 31 October.

Please email applications to the Scholarships Office: scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz