



SEED INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTRE (SIRC) SCHOLARSHIP

REGULATIONS

1. Purpose

The SIRC Scholarship has been provided through funding from the Seed Industry Research Centre and is intended to encourage education and research in the field of seed production and seed quality for the benefit of New Zealand. The SIRC Scholarship is open to postgraduate students at Lincoln, Massey and Canterbury universities.

2. Number/Value

One or more scholarships may be available in any year, the value of which shall be determined annually by the board of the Seed Industry Research Centre.

3. Eligibility

- (1) The scholarship shall be open to people who are eligible to undertake full time postgraduate research study at Lincoln University into any issue associated with seed production and seed quality in New Zealand.
- (2) A scholarship may be awarded to a person who is not eligible to register as a full time research student at 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 Selection Committee in a particular case.
- (3) If a candidate awarded a scholarship under 3(2) above does not become eligible to register for a research degree at Lincoln University by 1 March or by the date determined under the provisions of 3(2) above, then the award will lapse.

4. Selection Criteria

The criteria for selection shall be:

- (1) Academic merit.
- (2) The importance of the proposed research to seed production and seed quality for the benefit of New Zealand.
- (3) Applicants must be New Zealand citizens or Permanent Residents

5. Selection Committee

The selection committee shall consist of:

- (1) Convenor of the Lincoln University Scholarships Committee or nominee.
- (2) A representative from the Lincoln University Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
- (3) The Director of the Lincoln University Seed Research Centre, or nominee
- (4) A representative from SIRC

The selection committee may refrain from making an award if, in their opinion, there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

6. Tenure

The tenure of the scholarship for a PhD candidate is subject to the following conditions.

- (1) A PhD scholarship shall be tenable for a maximum of three years from the commencement date of the tenure of the scholarship, unless the candidate is already registered for a PhD as stated in 6 (3) below. The current value of a PhD scholarship is \$32,000 per annum.
- (2) The tenure of the scholarship shall begin at the commencement of the Semester immediately following the award.
- (3) Where an applicant for a scholarship has been registered for the relevant degree of study prior to the commencement of the scholarship, the tenure of the scholarship shall be reduced by the period the applicant has already been registered for that degree.
- (4) The tenure of the scholarship for a Masters or Honours degree candidate shall be for a maximum of one calendar year and shall begin at the commencement of the semester immediately following the award. The current value is \$16,000.

7. Programme of Research

During the tenure of the scholarship, a scholar shall be enrolled as a full-time student in the relevant research degree at Lincoln University.

Note: To meet the university's requirements for registration as a full-time student, a scholar may work no more than ten hours per week during the year.

8. Commencement

- (1) The tenure of the scholarship shall begin at the commencement of the Semester immediately following the award, or on the date of the scholar's registration for the degree at Lincoln University, whichever is the later.

- (2) When a scholar has been registered for their relevant degree 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 University in a particular case.

9. Deferral/Temporary Suspension of Study

- (1) No deferment is available for this scholarship.
- (2) Once the scholarship has commenced, the scholarship sponsor may grant temporary suspension of the scholarship, for up to one year having taken into account the scholar's circumstances and the progress of study.

10. Payments

- (1) The emolument shall be paid by fortnightly instalments in arrears, according to the tenure of the scholarship.
- (2) The first payment shall be made as soon as practicable after the student has registered for their relevant degree 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) When a scholar holds other awards while also holding a SIRC Scholarship, then the value of the SIRC Scholarship may be reduced in circumstances to be determined by the board of the Seed Industry Research Centre.
- (2) Except as provided in 11(1) and 11(3) below a scholarship shall be tenable with any other scholarship, bursary or award unless the conditions of the other award preclude it.
- (3) A scholarship is not tenable with any other Lincoln University managed research scholarships.

Note: In the case, where the total value of the scholarship and the other awards exceed \$45,000, then the value of the emolument component of the SIRC Scholarship will be reduced by \$1 for every dollar by which the value of the awards exceeds \$45,000.

12. Review of Progress

- (1) A scholar is expected to devote his or her whole time to study for the relevant degree.
- (2) The scholar must provide in November of each year a written report to the Seed Industry Research Centre on their use of their SIRC Scholarship including any results of any education or research undertaken.

- (3) If the University at any time is not satisfied that the scholar is diligently pursuing his or her studies; or is not complying with the conditions of the scholarship; or is not making satisfactory progress, then the Selection Committee may suspend or terminate any scholarship or require the forfeiture of any proportion of the scholarship emoluments

1A. Applications

Candidates shall submit applications no later than 30 November to the Lincoln University Scholarships Office.

These regulations shall take effect from January 2024.



Seed Industry Research Centre (SIRC) Scholarship APPLICATION FORM

Student Information	
Family Name:	
First Name/s:	
Date of Birth:	
Citizenship:	NZ Citizen: <input type="checkbox"/> NZ Permanent Resident <input type="checkbox"/>
Postal address:	
Email address: <small>Please ensure your address is correct and legible.</small>	
Mobile number:	
Lincoln Student ID Number: <i>(if known)</i>	

Academic Information	
Proposed or intended programme of Study at Lincoln University:	
List all tertiary institutions you have previously studied at:	
Highest Tertiary Qualification achieved:	
Provide copies of academic transcripts for all tertiary qualifications from any institution other than Lincoln University.	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>(tick when attached)</i>
Outline your proposed or actual research programme, including methods of investigation and specialised areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>(tick when attached)</i>
List any Academic Prizes or Distinctions previously held excluding school awards:	
List any employment history relevant to your area of research.	
List the title/s of any theses or publications you have submitted:	

Financial Information		
Please indicate your intended means of financial support. Mark all boxes that apply:	Student Allowance <input type="checkbox"/>	Student Loan <input type="checkbox"/>
	Parental support <input type="checkbox"/>	Part-time employment <input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (Please give details) <input type="checkbox"/>	

References	
Please request two confidential academic letters of reference to be submitted via email as attachments to scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz .	
Please provide the name, title, address, phone number and email address for your two referees:	
Referee 1:	Referee 2:
All emailed letters of reference must be received directly from the person providing the reference (not from the student applicant).	

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 30 November.

Candidates shall email applications directly to scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz

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 Lincoln University
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