



## Vernon Clark Memorial Scholarship

Vernon ('Vern') Raymond Clark ONZM (1923-2022) was an animal scientist on the staff of Lincoln University who started as a Technical Assistant in 1940 and retired as a Senior Lecturer in 1981.

He was the co-developer of the Coopworth breed of sheep, which in time became New Zealand's second most numerous breed. He was awarded a Life Membership of the Coopworth Sheep Society of New Zealand and also held a Life Membership of the NZ Society of Animal Production.

Vern was the first New Zealander to qualify as an Associate of the Institute of Science and Technology, University of London.

Before service in World War Two (Army and Air Force), Vern worked with the celebrated animal scientist Professor CP McMeekan. Following the war, he had a long partnership with Professor of Animal Husbandry Ian Coop.

At Lincoln University Vern's name lives on as one of the few to have held the combination of three top awards - the Bledisloe Medal for services advancing New Zealand's interests and the reputation of the University, awarded in 1989; the Lincoln University Medal for outstanding voluntary services to the cultural life and fabric of the University, awarded in 2012; and appointment as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) in 2005 for services to agriculture and the community.

Vern and wife Thelma lived in Lincoln, where he was a pillar of the community contributing at all levels to local organisations. He was a leader in the development of the original Lincoln Community Centre, worked as a volunteer and was Patron for Lincoln Community Care, was President of the local RSA, and a leading light in Rotary. One of Lincoln's main roads, Vernon Drive, carries his name in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the local community.

This Scholarship stands in memory of Vern Clark and his teaching and research services to Lincoln University; his lifetime of work for the township of Lincoln; and his deep associations with animal husbandry and animal production in New Zealand and internationally.

## **Background**

## **Regulations**

### **1. Purpose**

The Vernon Clark Memorial Scholarship was established in 2024 to support a Lincoln University student who is completing their second, third or fourth years of study towards a Bachelor of Science (Animal Science) or other undergraduate degree with a focus on Animal Science.

### **2. Number/Value**

One scholarship will be offered annually to a full-time student studying at Lincoln University. The annual value of the scholarship shall be \$2,000 towards tuition fees.

### **3. Eligibility**

- a. Applicants must be full-time students registered in their second, third or fourth years of study towards a Bachelor of Science (Animal Science) or other undergraduate degree with a focus on Animal Science.
- 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 work in and develop a career in animal science/ animal husbandry disciplines.

### **5. Selection Committee**

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

- a. A representative from the Lincoln University Alumni and Development Office or nominee;
- b. A representative of the Clark Family.

The selection committee may request the applicant to attend an interview of no more than 20 minutes 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 academic year.
- b. Previous recipients may apply for a continuing scholarship.
- c. The scholarship is tenable with any other scholarship, award or bursary.

**7. Application**

See below for application form.

Completed applications should be emailed to the Scholarships Office by 31 October:  
[scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz)

## Terms and Conditions for Scholarship Applicants

Applications must be submitted by the due date advertised on the Application Form. Applications received after the closing date may not be considered.

Where you are asked to provide references or referees in support of your application, it is your responsibility to contact your referees and ask them to send their references to the Scholarships Office direct. References sent to the Scholarships Office should be clearly marked with your name and the name of the scholarship(s) for which you are applying. Referees should **not** be asked to send their references to you, as they must have the opportunity to be completely frank. Non-receipt of references or incomplete applications may prejudice your eligibility. The Scholarships Office may contact you referees to discuss references and your application(s).

If official documents are requested as part of your scholarship application, please do not send original documents. Send only copies that have been certified by a Justice of the peace, a solicitor, or a staff member in the Lincoln University registry. **Unless specifically requested, please do not send a curriculum vitae.** Lincoln University accepts no responsibility to return any original documents submitted.

Information submitted with your application must be true and correct.

A breach of Lincoln University's policies or procedures, including a disciplinary or code of conduct finding against you, may result in a scholarship being rescinded.

Information provided by you as part of your application, together with information already held by Lincoln University (including your academic record), will be shared with, and considered by, the Scholarship's Selection Committee.

The scholarships advertised by Lincoln University are subject to availability and the advertised offerings may change without notice, prior to award.

If you have any queries regarding your eligibility or how to apply, please contact the Scholarships Office on 0800 10 60 10 or [scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz)



**VERNON CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION FORM**

Student Information	
Family Name:	
First Name/s:	
Date of Birth:	
Postal address:	
Email address:	
Mobile number:	
Lincoln Student ID Number:	

Academic Information	
Academic Distinctions:	
Course of Study at Lincoln:	
Please attach a written presentation outlining your evidence of and/or planned activity to work in and develop a career in animal science/animal husbandry disciplines.	Tick when attached <input type="checkbox"/>

Financial Information	
Please list all Scholarships, Bursaries or Awards you have received during your course of study at Lincoln University.	

### References

Please request two confidential letters of reference to be emailed directly to the Scholarships Office. [scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@lincoln.ac.nz)

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.**

Candidates shall email applications directly to the Scholarships Office.

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