

## **The Henry Kelsey Research Scholarship**

The funds for this scholarship are made available from a bequest made by the late Henry Kelsey, a farmer of Whanganui.

### *Purpose*

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide funds for individuals to undertake research towards a Masters or Doctoral degree at a New Zealand university or research institution, studying muscular function, including - but not limited to - the causes and treatment of muscular dysfunction.

### *Eligibility*

Applicants will be New Zealand citizens or permanent residents, and will have a Bachelors degree or equivalent, in a field appropriate to their nominated research degree at a New Zealand university.

### *Tenure and value*

The scholarship is available for up to two years for Masters study and three years for doctoral study.

The scholarship award will be up to \$15,000 per annum and may be used in any way that helps the scholar to meet the purposes of the award. Payments will be made annually and will be dependent on positive and satisfactory reports on progress from the institution at which the scholar is studying. Unsatisfactory progress may lead to termination of the award.

If sufficient funds are available at least one scholarship will be awarded every year.

The scholarship is tenable with other scholarships with approval from the Chair of the Board. When considering co-tenure of the Henry Kelsey award, the Chair may alter the value of the award after taking into account the circumstances of the scholar.

### *Applications*

Candidates should complete an application using the Universities NZ online scholarships application website:

<https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com>

The closing date is 1 October.

The application form will request, and applicants must provide:

- proof of NZ citizenship or permanent residency.
- an outline of the research project, including its relevance to the scholarship's purpose and the candidate's future career.
- evidence of other awards, and of any achievements and practical experience relevant to the scholarship.
- the names of two people who the candidate has asked to provide references; these references should include assessments of the candidate's achievements, and potential and suitability for the award.
- any other evidence that the candidate judges relevant to the application.

Requests for references and for an academic transcript will be initiated by the applicant within the online application.

Research proposals and arrangements often may still be in development at the time of application. Because of the significance of the research project to the selection for the scholarship, candidates may wish to alter or add to their research proposal. Updated information can be sent to the Scholarships Manager at Universities NZ at any time before the final selection is made.

### *Criteria*

In considering the award the selection board will take into account:

- the relevance of the proposed research project to the purpose of the scholarship.
- the ability and previous experience of the candidate in the chosen field, particularly as it relates to successful completion of the project within the allocated timetable and proposed subsequent career.
- the candidate's academic record and achievement to date.

The selection board's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

### *Selection Board*

The board will consist of these members:

- the Convenor of the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee or their nominee.
- the Chief Executive of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of NZ or their nominee.
- a senior academic or medical professional from a relevant field appointed by the Universities New Zealand Scholarships Committee.
- Universities NZ may invite other members to take part as required.

### *Administration*

The scholarships will be administered by Universities NZ who will be responsible for publicising the availability of the scholarships, receiving applications, assisting the scholarship board in the selection process, advising candidates of the results, arranging for payments, and reporting annually on the outcomes.

### *Power to vary*

Universities NZ may make such rules and regulations as it shall from time to time think fit governing the scholarships and may vary or revoke any rules and regulations and may deviate at the discretion of Universities NZ from strict adherence to any requirements relating to the scholarships according to the exigencies of the circumstances, provided always that such changes shall be consistent with the general purposes of the bequest.

These regulations come into effect from 1 June 2023, and replace any previous regulations.

### *Publicity*

Scholars agree to have their name and image published and be available for interviews with the media if required.