
FMB REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW TO OXFORD

Introduction

The FMB Reynolds Scholarship in Law to Oxford (the Scholarship) has been established to recognise the support that Emeritus Professor Francis Reynolds, Worcester College, Oxford has provided to New Zealand law students at the University of Oxford for over 40 years.

Professor Reynolds was on the Faculty of Law from 1958 to 2000 as one of Oxford's principal teachers in commercial law subjects. He has been the editor of the *Law Quarterly Review* since 1987, and is an author of, inter alia, *Bowstead & Reynolds on Agency*, *Chitty on Contracts*, *Benjamin's Sale of Goods*, and (with Sir Guenter Treitel) *Carver on Bills of Lading*.

The funds for the Scholarship have been made available through generous donations from Emeritus Professor Reynolds, Professor Peter Watts and alumni of various law schools. The funds are managed by The University of Auckland Foundation Inc. and the Scholarship is administered by Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara (Universities NZ).

Purpose

The purpose of the Scholarship is to assist New Zealand law graduates to commence postgraduate study in law at the University of Oxford.

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from any person who:

- a) is a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident; and
- b) has completed the requirements for a LLB degree from a New Zealand university,¹ and
- c) at the date of application has applied for a place in postgraduate programme in law at the University of Oxford.

The Scholarship Award will be conditional on the awardee having been offered and accepted a place in a postgraduate programme in law at the University of Oxford.

¹ This wording is intended to allow applications from candidates who have not yet graduated, but who have passed sufficient courses to entitle them to graduate LLB.

Tenure

The Scholarship is tenable for one academic year, the year that the awardee commences postgraduate study in law at Oxford University.

Number and Value

One scholarship is awarded each year. The value of the award is NZ \$10,000 (the Scholarship Award).

No Scholarship will be awarded if the selection panel is of the opinion that there is no candidate who is of sufficient merit.

Payments

Payment of the Scholarship Award will be made by Universities NZ and will be in one lump sum when the awardee provides confirmation that they have been offered and have accepted a firm place at Oxford University.

Co-Tenure

The Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship/award unless the conditions of the other scholarship/award(s) preclude it.

In the event of co-tenure, the Scholarship Panel may impose such conditions as it thinks fit.

Power to Vary Regulations

The New Zealand Law Society may vary the regulations of the Scholarship from time to time but must not depart from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

Applications

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

<https://universitiesnz.communityforce.com>

The online application form will request, and applicants must provide:

- a) their academic transcript.
- b) a Curriculum Vitae of no more than three pages.
- c) a short statement which outlines the reasons for undertaking postgraduate study at Oxford University.
- d) the names of two persons from whom confidential references have been requested, at least one of whom should be a law academic.

Applicants must state in their applications for which other scholarships/awards they have applied or for which they are intending to apply. Where the applicant has already been granted a scholarship/award details must be included in the application.

University Assessment and Nomination

In a year when more than three applications for the Scholarships are received from candidates from the same university the applications will be sent to that university for consideration.

The Dean of Law of the university (or nominee) will be asked to review all applications for the Scholarship and to identify, given the selection criteria, the top three to be nominated to Universities NZ.

Universities NZ will manage the nominations from the universities for presentation to the Panel.

Application for admission to the University of Oxford

Each applicant must also complete and submit an application for admission to the University of Oxford by the nominated application deadline:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate>

The award of the Scholarship will be dependent upon the applicant's successful admission to and acceptance of a place in postgraduate study in law at the University of Oxford.

Constitution of the Scholarship Selection Panel

Members of the selection panel (the Panel) will be appointed by the President of the New Zealand Law Society (NZLS) or nominee. Diversity and inclusion shall be considered when making appointments to the Panel. Membership of the panel shall be notified to Universities NZ prior to the closing date of the Scholarship. Tenure on the Panel is for a period of three years. New members may be invited to replace existing members from time to time, if a current Panel member is

unavailable, or where conflicts of interest arise.

The Panel will consist of:

- a senior academic or former senior academic from a New Zealand law school, or nominee; and
- two members of the NZLS with preference given to graduates in law from the University of Oxford.

The Panel will elect a Chair.

Selection Criteria

In considering applications for the scholarship the Panel will take into account the candidate's:

- a) academic merit, assessed across the record and achievement of all law courses that an applicant has taken at the time of application²;
- b) general attributes and achievements;
- c) statement of reasons for undertaking postgraduate study at Oxford; and
- d) supporting confidential references.

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

² If an applicant has already obtained master's level results in law, those results would be included in the calculation of a grade point average, along with all undergraduate results in law courses.