



WHAKATOHEA & MINISTRY OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
GLOBAL RESEARCH ALLIANCE UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

INFORMATION

“Building Capacity in Livestock Emissions Research”

Overview

The Global Research Alliance on Reducing Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GRA) seeks to increase cooperation and investment in research activities to help reduce the emissions intensity of agriculture and increase its potential for soil carbon sequestration.

This award aims to:

- Attract and support Maori students into studying agriculture greenhouse gas related sciences at any New Zealand University that align with the priorities of the GRA as well as relevant New Zealand science priorities.
- Share knowledge on livestock emissions measurement, modelling and mitigation practices to increase the level of scientific skills and technological and policy capabilities internationally.
- Advance common research and policy implementation interests between countries and build enduring relationships.
- Create enduring relationships between New Zealand and other countries, helping advance the scientific, policy and implementation base for reducing livestock greenhouse gas emissions.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Whakatohea NZ University Science Undergraduate Award, you must:

- Be a Whakatohea descendant and be fully registered on the Whakatohea Register.
- Have demonstrated potential or expectation to develop a career in agricultural greenhouse gas emission sciences that align to the priorities of the GRA or other relevant strategies.
- Wish to enrol in an undergraduate programme in one or more of the following disciplines.

1. Agriscience Major	2. Agricommerce
3. Environmental Management	4. Applied Economics
5. Media and Communication	6. Information Science
7. Public Policy	

- Applications must major in science but a combination with other papers is also supported.

Funding

Funding is available for:

- Up to NZD\$5,000 per annum for up to three years for course fees, at a NZ Tertiary Education provider (payable on successful completion of each year's papers);
- Up to NZD\$5,000 will be provided for return economy class airfares, domestic transport, accommodation, meals and travel/medical insurance to attend an international conference or workshop or internship relevant to the area of study of the scholarship recipient as agreed with MPI.

How to Apply

There is a two-stage application process. Applicants must first submit an Expression of Interest Form (EOI) to determine eligibility and obtain initial feedback from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) regarding its support for the activity.

If eligibility is confirmed, the applicant will be invited to submit a full application.

The full application is then assessed by MPI and Whakatohea, taking the following into consideration:

- The excellence of the applicant.
- Alignment with known policy or research priorities and profile of the applicant's home and host organisations.
- The extent to which the subject will contribute to building capacity in livestock greenhouse gas mitigation policy development and implementation in New Zealand and across the GRA.
- 'Fit' with objectives of the Whakatohea Maori Trust Board, GRA and other MPI objectives and priorities.

If the application is successful, the participating Maori Trust, on behalf of MPI will manage the Award. The contract will be signed by the applicant, their host and home organisations, and MPI.

Terms and Conditions

- Applicants must complete an EOI first and if eligibility is confirmed, then the applicant will be invited to complete a Full Application.
- Applications must list all financial and in-kind support from other participating organisations relevant to the proposed study.
- International travel will only be funded as approved by MPI.
- Awardees will be expected to share their experiences to others through extension within their own physical and social networks such as presenting to schools, community groups and relevant media opportunities.
- Applicants are required to work with the participating New Zealand organisation to provide an activity report to MPI addressing the outcomes of the award. The report must be submitted to MPI by the New Zealand organisation within one month of the contract complete date (ie, at the end of third year).
- An award shall lapse in the event that the applicant fails to pass the agreed papers.

