# WAIKATO BOTANICAL SOCIETY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2024/25**

Applications are invited for the Waikato Botanical Society Student Scholarship. The scholarship is open to any student studying for any degree or diploma with a research component in any tertiary institution in Aotearoa New Zealand. The scholarship allocation awarded will be up to

$2,000.

Priority will be given to research projects which most align with two key aims of the Waikato Botanical Society. Which are:

* To encourage the study of botany, particularly that of New Zealand and the Waikato Region.
* To encourage the conservation of indigenous flora of New Zealand and the Waikato Region.

Applicants will also be assessed against the following set of criteria:

* Relevance and value in terms of filling gaps in existing New Zealand flora information
* Application, use or recognition of mātauranga Māori
* Ability to implement the research findings for the benefit of flora conservation
* Practical, feasible and achievable research
* Ability of the student

Another key aim of the Waikato Botanical Society is to disseminate knowledge about and encourage interest in the flora of New Zealand. The successful recipient of the grant will be invited to give a presentation to Waikato Botanical Society members on the findings of the research and contribute a summary article for the Botanical Society newsletter. Recipients of the award will be asked to acknowledge the society where possible in research publications such as a thesis.

The grant will be given in instalments as a contribution to expenses associated with the research project, identified in the application form.

Closing date for applications: Friday, June 28th, 2024

A copy of the Application Form and the Rules of the award may be downloaded from the Waikato Botanical Society website.

Contact for enquiries: Waikato Botanical Society Secretary. Email:

[secretary@waikatobotsoc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@waikatobotsoc.org.nz)

# WAIKATO BOTANICAL SOCIETY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: RULES

1. The scholarship is open to any student studying for any degree or diploma with a research component in any tertiary institution in Aotearoa New Zealand.
2. The research project supported will be chosen based on the research projects appropriateness to the aims of the Waikato Botanical Society listed below and against the further set of criteria below:

Aims:

* + To encourage the study of botany, particularly that of New Zealand and the Waikato Region.
  + To encourage the conservation of indigenous flora of New Zealand and the Waikato Region.

Further Criteria:

* + Relevance and value in terms of filling gaps in existing New Zealand flora information
  + Application, use or recognition of mātauranga Māori
  + Ability to implement the research findings for the benefit of flora conservation
  + Practical, feasible and achievable research
  + Ability of the student

The financial needs of a particular student may also be considered.

1. The grant will be given in instalments, as a contribution to expenses associated with the research project, identified in the application form. Any funds unexpended on completion of the research project shall be returned to the Society.
2. The research project/s to be supported will be chosen by the “scholarship subcommittee”

consisting of:

1. The President, Waikato Botanical Society
2. The Secretary, Waikato Botanical Society
3. One other person appointed by the Waikato Botanical Society committee (who may not be on the committee).
4. The scholarship of $2000 will be awarded annually, with the proviso that no award need be made if the Scholarship subcommittee so decides.
5. The scholarship will be awarded for one year only, to any individual. It won’t be awarded to

the same person in consecutive years.

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   * Give a presentation to Waikato Botanical Society members on the findings of the research and or
   * Contribute a summary article for the Waikato Botanical Society newsletter and or.
   * To acknowledge the Waikato Botanical society where possible in research publications such as a thesis.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND A COPY OF THE APPLICANTS CV SHOULD BE SENT TO:**

Waikato Botanical Society Secretary, Email: [secretary@waikatobotsoc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@waikatobotsoc.org.nz)

With the email title: Waikato Botanical Society Scholarship,

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**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP / GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

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| **Students name** |  |
| **Contact Telephone Number** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **Copy of academic transcript attached** |  |
| **Tertiary Institute in which you are enrolled** |  |
| **Degree / Qualification for which you are enrolled** |  |
| **Department / School** |  |
| **What is the submission date for your thesis / dissertation?** |  |
| **Supervisor (s) names** |  |
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**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP / GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

**Title of the Research Project:**

**Purpose of the Research Project:**

**Brief description of the research project, including any fieldwork:**

**How does your research project align with the key aims of the Waikato Botanical Society?**

**Please provide a budget and identify what the grant will be used for (include information on other grants and contributions).**

**SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND A COPY OF YOUR CV TO:**

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