

## Andy Ritchie Scholarship

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### Introductory Paragraph

This scholarship was set up, through the Victoria University Foundation, in memory of Andy Ritchie by his colleagues in the aquaculture industry.

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### Criteria

The Scholarship shall be open to any post-graduate student enrolled or proposing to enrol at Victoria University for BSc Hons, MSc Part II and PhD, except for Masters level degrees such as Master of Environmental Science or Master of Applied Science which have a short time frame and a small research component. The Scholarship will fund the research component of the accepted post-graduate degrees and not the course work. A BSc Hons (9 months) would be funded in its entirety (course work and research being conducted concurrently), whereas at Masters level, the research component only will be funded (ie a maximum of 2 years of financial support for field work during MSc Part II enrolment). A PhD degree (100% research) would be fully supported for 3 years maximum. Applicants' research should be restricted to some aspect of aquaculture, preferably an area which has been highlighted by the industry as being in need of attention.

The minimum School of Biological Sciences academic merit for enrolment must be satisfied for each degree application (ie. B+ average in 3rd year to get into BSc Hons and MSc; typically, higher than this for a PhD degree). In cases of competing applicants, priority would be given to applicants on the basis of industrial backing and academic merit. Students in receipt of research funding of greater than \$3,000 per annum for BSc Hons, \$5,000 per annum for Masters, and \$7,000 per annum for PhD would not be eligible for this scholarship. The Scholarship will be awarded to New Zealand citizens and permanent residents only.

### Scholarship Value

The Scholarship will be awarded annually, funds permitting. The annual value of the Scholarship will be decided by the Victoria University Foundation on the basis of the total sum raised. If there is no suitable applicant in any one year the funds for the Scholarship for that year will be re-invested with the principal.

### Scholarship Tenure

The duration of the Scholarship in each case will be nine months for BSc Hons, two years maximum for MSc Part II, and three years maximum for PhD.

### Application Process

The closing date for applications is **30 October** of the year preceding the start of the research project. Students already into their research programme will be allowed to apply for this scholarship to support the remaining period of their research work, as long as all other criteria are met.

### Selection Process

The Scholarship will be awarded by the Scholarships Committee on the recommendation of the Head of School of Biological Sciences.

### Accountability

The Victoria University Foundation will expect recipients to write a letter of thanks to the donor on receipt of the award and an end of year progress report.