

Ministry of Fisheries Undergraduate scholarship in Quantitative Marine Biology

- Supporting double majors in Mathematics/Statistics and Biology/Marine Biology.

The Ministry of Fisheries wishes to support the study of mathematics/statistics and marine biology at the undergraduate level.

Six scholarships (\$5000 each) will be available to New Zealand citizens or permanent residents for 2011, to support the final year of an undergraduate degree. Students will be eligible to apply if their degree will include:

- a minimum of 1 statistics or mathematics course in 2nd year, and
- 2 statistics or mathematics courses, as well as a marine biology course in 3rd year,

Applicants with an applied quantitative background will be favoured.

One scholarship will be available annually at each University that has an explicit marine biology course in the third year:

- University of Auckland,
- Auckland University of Technology,
- University of Waikato,
- Victoria University of Wellington,
- University of Canterbury,
- University of Otago.

Scholarships Offices will advertise the scholarship and compile a short-list of applicants (per University), with the final allocation decision to be made by the Ministry of Fisheries. **To apply, an application form, covering letter and transcript should be sent to the relevant University's Scholarships Office by November 30th, 2011.** The covering letter should include short descriptions of courses taken and proposed for the next year as well as statements about the candidates' future aspirations.

Scholarships, when awarded will be paid out in two lump sums, one at the start of semester one and the following at the start of semester two dependent on acceptable grades having been received. The Ministry hopes to form an ongoing relationship with the scholarship recipients in order to promote the progression of these students to the postgraduate level. This may include gathering all scholarship recipients together to talk about their future prospects. The form of this relationship building is yet to be finalised.