Puke Ariki Postgraduate Scholarships
Funded by the George Mason Charitable Trust

Established in 2002, these scholarships support postgraduate students carrying out research in the natural sciences with focus on the Taranaki region.

These scholarships are awarded annually, up to a maximum of $7500 for PhD research and $5000 for Masters or honours level research.

Applications for study in the year 2022 are now invited.

The closing date for applications is 13 March 2022.

The scholarships are provided by the George Mason Charitable Trust, which was set up by Dr George Mason. Dr Mason is a New Plymouth businessman and entrepreneur with a background of study and business in the fields that are supported by this scholarship.

Puke Ariki, the combined library/museum/information centre in New Plymouth, administers these scholarships. Puke Ariki is a service of the New Plymouth District Council.
**Regulations**

1. The Scholarships are to be awarded to students, up to a maximum of $7500 for PhD students, and $5000 for those conducting Masters or honours level studies, for study in the year the scholarship is awarded.

2. The Scholarships are usually to support studies of students who are enrolled full-time for a postgraduate degree; i.e. pursuing their PhD, Masters or honours level studies.

3. The Scholarships are to be awarded to advance the study of the natural environment of the Taranaki region; e.g. biological sciences, earth sciences, marine ecology, environmental archaeology and anthropology.

4. The students shall have access to the resources of Puke Ariki for the duration of their field research. This may include access to information and/or collections.

5. Any published papers resulting from the research findings shall be made available to be part of the collection of the Taranaki Research Centre at Puke Ariki and potentially for use in displays or exhibitions managed by Puke Ariki.

6. Applicants need to forward details of their research proposal, supervisor support and a CV (including academic history and a copy of their official academic record), to:

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   Information Services Officer | Kaiāwhina Ratonga Rangahau  
   Puke Ariki  
   Private Bag 2025  
   New Plymouth  
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   **By the closing date of 13 March 2022**

   or phone (06) 759 6060 Ext. 7851 with any queries regarding this scholarship.

7. Preference will be given to applicants with a strong academic record as well as to those applicants who submit a research proposal which will potentially add most value to the body of knowledge in the above disciplines in the Taranaki region.

8. Students are expected to present an illustrated talk on their research near the end of the year at Puke Ariki.

9. This scholarship can also be awarded along with other scholarships.

10. Students can re-apply for continuing funding.