
FMB REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW TO OXFORD

Introduction

The FMB Reynolds Scholarship in Law to Oxford has been established to recognise the support that Emeritus Professor Francis Reynolds, Worcester College, Oxford has provided to New Zealand law students at the University of Oxford for over 40 years.

Professor Reynolds was on the Faculty of Law from 1958 to 2000 as one of Oxford's principal teachers in commercial law subjects. He has been the editor of the *Law Quarterly Review* since 1987, and is an author of, inter alia, *Bowstead & Reynolds on Agency*, *Chitty on Contracts*, *Benjamin's Sale of Goods*, and (with Sir Guenter Treitel) *Carver on Bills of Lading*.

The funds for this scholarship have been made available through generous donations from Emeritus Professor Reynolds, Professor Peter Watts and alumni of various law schools. The funds are managed by The University of Auckland Foundation Inc. and the scholarship is administered by Universities New Zealand – Te Pōkai Tara (Universities NZ).

Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist New Zealand law graduates to commence postgraduate study in Law at the University of Oxford.

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from any person who:

- a) is a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and
- b) has completed the requirements for a LLB degree from a New Zealand University¹ and
- c) at the date of application has applied for a place in a postgraduate programme in Law at the University of Oxford².

Tenure

The scholarship is tenable for one academic year, the year that the scholar commences postgraduate study in Law at Oxford.

¹ This wording is intended to allow applications from candidates who have not yet graduated, but who have passed sufficient courses to entitle them to graduate LLB.

² An award of the scholarship will be conditional on the awardee having been offered a place in such a programme.

Number and Value

The number of scholarships to be awarded in any year will be determined by The University of Auckland Foundation Inc..

Where more than one scholarship is awarded the value of each award may be different, taking into account any other funds that the applicant may have received to support the proposed study at Oxford.

The initial annual value of the funds available for the scholarship is expected to be in the region of NZ\$8,000.

No scholarships will be awarded if the selection panel is of the opinion that there is no candidate who is of sufficient merit.

Payments

Payment of the scholarship award will be made by Universities NZ and will be in one lump sum when the awardee provides confirmation that they have been offered and have accepted a firm place at Oxford.

Co-Tenure

The Reynolds Scholarship may be held with any other scholarship or award unless the conditions of the other award(s) preclude it.

In the event of co-tenure the selection panel for the Reynolds Scholarship may impose such conditions as it thinks fit.

Power to Vary Regulations

Universities NZ may vary the regulations of the scholarship from time to time but must not depart from the main purpose of the scholarship.

Applications

Applications are to be made by 28 February to the Scholarships Office of the university of the applicant's undergraduate law degree.

Candidates must apply for the scholarship on the application form provided by Universities NZ.

Every application must include:

- a) certified copies of academic transcripts.
- b) a Curriculum Vitae of no more than three pages.
- c) a short statement which outlines the reasons for undertaking postgraduate study at Oxford.
- d) the names of two persons from whom confidential references have been requested, at least one of which should be from a law academic.

Applicants must state in their applications for which other scholarships and awards they have applied or for which they are intending to apply. Where the applicant has already been granted a scholarship or award details must be included on the application form.

University Assessment and Nomination

In a year when a university Scholarships Office receives more than three applications for the scholarship an initial selection process will take place within the university.

The Dean of Law of the university (or nominee) will be asked to review all applications for the scholarship and to identify, given the selection criteria, the best three to be nominated to Universities NZ.

Universities NZ will manage the nominations from the universities for presentation to the selection panel.

Constitution of the Scholarship Selection Panel

The Selection Panel (the Panel) will be appointed annually by the President for the time being of the New Zealand Law Society (or nominee) and notified to Universities NZ. The Panel will consist of:

- two graduates in Law of the University of Oxford
- a senior academic or former senior academic from a New Zealand Law School.

Selection Criteria

In considering applications for the scholarship the Panel will take into account the candidate's:

- a) academic merit, assessed across the record and achievement of all law courses that an applicant has taken at the time of application³.
- b) general attributes and achievements.
- c) statement of reasons for undertaking postgraduate study at Oxford.
- d) supporting confidential references.

The Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

³ If an applicant has already obtained Master's level results in law, those results would be included in the calculation of a grade point average, along with all undergraduate results in law courses.