

## **Ministry for Primary Industries Undergraduate scholarship in Quantitative Marine Biology**

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

The Ministry for Primary Industries wishes to support the study of mathematics/ statistics/ computing and marine biology at the undergraduate level.

Up to six scholarships (\$5000 each) will be available to New Zealand citizens or permanent residents for 2018, to support an Honours year or the final year of an undergraduate degree. Students will be eligible to apply if their degree will include:

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

Applicants with a strong quantitative background will be favoured.

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

**To apply a covering letter, CV and academic transcript should be sent to Rich Ford at MPI [richard.ford@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:richard.ford@mpi.govt.nz) by November 30th, 2017.** Notably there is no Ministry application form. The covering letter or CV 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 is likely to include gathering all scholarship recipients together for a mid-year seminar, amongst other possibilities.