



**Nuffield
New Zealand**

**Farming
Scholarships**



The Nuffield Farming Scholarship is a life-changing experience that accelerates leadership development, unlocks individual potential, and broadens horizons through study and experience.



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Unlock potential. Open doors.

New Zealand is a small place at the end of the world. Yet, it is among the world leaders in the food and fibre sector. This is a position that can only be held with a healthy dose of both attitude and aptitude.

Our food and fibre producers stay competitive even with our logistical disadvantages, high land values and without the subsidies available to farmers elsewhere in the world. Despite our achievements, there is always a new path ahead. We need to ensure we are well equipped for the journey.

The Nuffield Farming Scholarship is one of the most valuable and prestigious awards in New Zealand's food and fibre sector. Nuffield Scholars are part of a global agri-food network that promotes global vision, leadership and innovation.

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A Nuffield Scholarship opens doors that would not otherwise be open.

Nadine Porter, 2017 Scholar



The Nuffield network – spanning decades, and continents

In the aftermath of the Second World War, Lord Nuffield, industrialist and philanthropist, initiated a travelling scholarship scheme for British and Empire farmers. The reason was two-fold – to recognise their contribution to feeding the nation through the war and advancing best practice in agriculture globally.

The first two scholars were selected in 1947. Since then the Nuffield Farming Scholarship has created a global network of over 1,700 agriculturalists, who are at the leading edge of their profession.

New Zealand joined the Nuffield network in 1950, together with Australia and Canada. The programmes are funded by voluntary contributions from their own investor partners, local corporates and primary sector organisations.

The Nuffield global network provides scholars with access to international leaders in the agri-food sector, and the best production, management and marketing systems around the globe. New Zealand scholars have been hosted by institutions, organisations and businesses – from the White House to a Girl's Agricultural School in Kenya. It is a unique learning experience.

Member countries

- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- France
- Ireland
- Kenya
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- United Kingdom
- Zimbabwe

Associate countries

- Chile
- Germany
- Japan
- South Africa
- Southern Caucasus
- United States

The scholarships – taking you around the globe

The programme offers an incredible opportunity that will benefit careers, industry and business by advancing personal leadership development. Nuffield Scholars are providing leadership in on-farm innovations across New Zealand and the world.

The chosen scholars embark on a unique global learning experience (Pandemic dependent) with opportunities for collaboration, networking and mentoring, to fast track thinking and grow their leadership skills to the next level.

The programme allows participants to spend time away from their business to travel, observe, immerse, reflect, and learn about global agricultural practices and their operating contexts. Scholars gain new insights and ideas to bring back to New Zealand to share, implement and influence positively, decisions that affect the agri-food sector and our rural communities.



2022's core components begin with scholarships awarded in Wellington, November 2021, followed by domestic component, NFP. International components CSC and GFP follow, with a scholar-driven itinerary to complete individual research, to conclude.

Below is an indication of how the scholarship might look for the 2022 cohort. The programme is subject to change due to the global pandemic.

Please refer to our website for the most up to date information.

2022 core components

National Focus Programme (NFP)

January/February, 2022

Nuffield Scholars begin their experience with a two and half-week immersion into leadership, critical thinking and New Zealand value chains. This prepares them to get the most out of their scholarship.

It allows them to further develop their research area of interest. It plugs them into leading New Zealanders, and it exposes them to the key challenges and opportunities facing New Zealand's food and fibre sector.

Scholars work together to publish an industry insights report based on their observations.

Contemporary Scholars Conference (CSC)

March, 2022

The CSC brings together the global year group. It is hosted in a different country each year.

It is a week-long international conference where scholars hear presentations from thought leaders on global agricultural challenges, attend panel discussions and complete a number of field trips to cement their learning.

The conference for the 2022 cohort is planned to be held in the United Kingdom in 2022.

Global Focus Programme (GFP)

April or June, 2022

The GFP is a four-week tour undertaken with a group of 8-10 Nuffield Scholars from different countries. Typically, each small group travels to five or six countries across three to four continents.

Designed for impact, this component has an intensive itinerary of visits, meetings and experiences that lead to transformational personal insight and growth.

Facilitated by locals in each host country, GFPs are an unparalleled opportunity to learn about the unique cultural, political, environmental, and business nuances in each country. They are also the foundation of life-long friendships and a global network based on trust and shared experiences.

Individual Research Report

Self-organised research, 2022-2023

An individual research programme that includes 7-9 weeks of personal field research. Scholars have the freedom to choose their own field of study and design a programme that best facilitates the development of insight and foresight in their chosen topic.

Each scholar produces an individual research report, which contributes to Nuffield New Zealand's purpose of keeping New Zealand at the global forefront of food and fibre systems.

Final reports are due early 2023.

Post programme, the scholars present their findings at conferences and industry events.



For more information, or to schedule a confidential discussion about your application or eligibility, contact

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Who is this programme for?

This programme is for engaged, motivated people across the food and fibre sector who:

- are keen to share, explore, bring to life ideas they believe in
- strive to challenge and test their thinking
- are not afraid to do things differently
- understand the importance of 'paying it forward'
- lead by doing (better) and learn by trying (harder)
- think global, lead local
- have a strong sense of purpose
- have strong potential for strategic impact.

We welcome those committed to developing the people around them. And those that seek to lead conversations in the food and fibre sector.



Eligibility

To be considered you must:

- be actively engaged in farming, growing or food production
- be committed to continuous leadership in the food and fibre sector and/or rural community
- exhibit an entrepreneurial spirit
- have a solid knowledge and understanding of the New Zealand food and fibre sector
- be a New Zealand citizen or hold New Zealand permanent residency status.

“In doing Nuffield I now have some amazing contacts from twelve countries, contacts that make my life so rich and give me an immense amount of opportunities for the future.”

Lucy Griffiths, 2014 Scholar





Applications close
Sunday, 15 August, 2021

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If jumping in the deep end wholeheartedly and rising up to represent our nation and food and fibre sector is something you're interested in, then you're already embracing the essence of Nuffield.

It's what you make of it. Go for it and give it everything you've got.

Mel Poulton, 2014 Nuffield Scholar

2022 selection process

Applicants are contacted personally by phone for an initial discussion on their motivation for applying for a Nuffield New Zealand Farming Scholarship.

1. Last week of August, 2021

All applicants who meet the criteria are considered, in confidence, and shortlisted by the Nuffield New Zealand Selection Panel (Trustees and a Strategic Investing Partner Representative).

2. 8 September, 2021

Face to face interviews will be conducted on **7-8 October, 2021** in Christchurch. Candidates will be advised of their success within three days of the interview.

3.

Scholarship Awards

Successful candidates will attend the Nuffield New Zealand Awards Function and orientation sessions on Tuesday, **2 November, 2021** at Parliament in Wellington (partners invited).

4.

Q & A

How many scholarships are awarded each year?

Up to five scholarships annually.

How much is the Nuffield New Zealand Farming Scholarship worth?

The total value of the scholarship is NZ\$40,000.

Are the awarded funds enough to cover the expected cost?

The scholarship funding provided should be sufficient to meet the core components of the programme, depending on time away and number of return trips made.

However, most scholars will invest/seek extra funding as required in order to maximise this opportunity.

Am I still eligible to apply if I work within the agriculture services sector, but do not farm myself?

A small number of scholars have been selected recently from the wider food and fibre sector. Agri professionals are still expected to be closely connected to food and fibre production through family, work, land or business ownership.

Who provides funding for Nuffield Scholarships?

Rural Leaders' funding comes from our investing partners who have strong interest in leadership development for the benefit of the food and fibre sector and wider New Zealand economy.

Our current strategic investing partners are: Dairy NZ, Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ltd, AGMARDT, FMG, and the MacKenzie Charitable Foundation.

Programme partners are: Ministry for Primary Industries, FAR, Farmlands, Horticulture New Zealand, Zespri, TIAA, LIC, and Rabobank.

Is there a specific area that I have to study?

While scholars have the freedom to pursue a topic of personal interest, there is an expectation that the topic will contribute to the development of New Zealand's food and fibre sector.

Where in the world can I carry out my scholarship study?

Nuffield scholars can use the funds of the scholarship to visit any organisation or country to research their topic, meet and interview key people or observe first hand the practices relevant to their study.

What kind of assistance can I expect from Nuffield International?

A significant and useful network of Nuffield contacts is available in member and associate countries, but scholars are also encouraged to travel outside these countries and establish contacts of their own.

Global Nuffield alumni usually offer to host scholars and are a source of valuable contacts. Previous scholars are a great source of information for potential contacts in particular areas of study or countries that you might like to visit.

What additional support is provided for the completion of the reports?

Support is provided throughout the year. Post scholarship support is given through industry briefings, allocated mentors, specialist advice and research support. We do this to ensure our scholars, Nuffield New Zealand and respective primary industry organisations get the maximum benefits from this unique opportunity.

Do I need to organise my own travel?

The National Focus Programme, the Contemporary Scholars Conference and the Global Focus Programme are organised for you.

All other travel is organised by you to fit your goals and research topic.





Nuffield alumni are leading in many globally recognised organisations:

- MPI
- Horticulture NZ
- Fonterra
- Beef + Lamb New Zealand Ltd
- Farmlands
- LIC
- Ravensdown
- Ballance
- Dairy New Zealand
- Zespri
- Synlait Milk
- Callaghan Institute
- FAR
- Air New Zealand
- Rabobank
- AMI Insurance
- OSPRI
- NZ Merino
- Wools NZ
- Global Farmer Network

Nuffield Scholars – making change happen

The Nuffield Farming Scholarship helps build leaders for the modern economy and the future of food and fibre production. It is a programme for those who are engaged, motivated and committed to innovating to solve old and emerging challenges.

The experience helps scholars gain new insights and ideas to bring back to New Zealand, to influence the decisions that affect the agri-food sector and our rural communities. This high-stakes programme is for individuals who have the following attributes:

- Strive to challenge and test their thinking.
- Are not afraid to do things differently.
- Lead by doing and learn by trying.
- Have a strong sense of purpose.
- Are open to opportunities.

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The Nuffield experience made me really appreciate how valuable it is to get information from the source.

Five minutes with the founder of a company is better than five years reading scientific papers and trolling the Internet.

Richard Fowler, 2016 Scholar



For more information or to apply go to ruralleaders.co.nz/nuffield

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