

## ① Application details

### Personal details

Full name

Address

Phone

Email

Iwi affiliation

### Study details

NZ university or  
tertiary institute

GIS related courses or postgraduate research you plan to take during the 2026-28 academic years

Tertiary qualifications you intend to complete

Tertiary scholarships you currently hold

Will you be claiming final-year Fees Free payments during the 2026 academic year?      Yes      No

### Referee details (please supply two referees, including one referee from your current tertiary institute)

**Referee 1** Name

Relationship

Phone

Email

**Referee 2** Name

Relationship

Phone

Email

## ② Declaration

By submitting this application, I declare and agree:

- a. I am eligible for the GIS Scholarship.
- b. The information contained in my application is correct. I understand that the supply of incorrect information may result in my application being declined or award of the GIS Scholarship revoked.
- c. Toitū Te Whenua will be collecting personal information in my application. Staff of Toitū Te Whenua will have access to and use my personal information for the purposes of assessing my application and contacting me in relation to the GIS Scholarships. Requests for access to and correction of my personal information can be made by email to [scholarships@linz.govt.nz](mailto:scholarships@linz.govt.nz).
- d. I have obtained the consent of my referees for including their contact details in my application.
- e. The personal information in my application and my photograph may be used for such promotional and marketing materials, media releases and communications as Toitū Te Whenua deems appropriate in its absolute discretion.
- f. I accept the GIS Scholarship Terms and Conditions (see page 3).

**Signature**

**Date**

Please complete this application form and return via email to [scholarships@linz.govt.nz](mailto:scholarships@linz.govt.nz), including the following supporting documents:

- 1. Scanned photo page of NZ passport, copy of NZ birth certificate or documentary evidence of permanent residency
- 2. Letter stating why you are planning to undertake GIS related courses or postgraduate research (maximum of one A4 page)
- 3. Official transcript of prior tertiary study
- 4. Curriculum Vitae (CV) summary (maximum of two A4 pages).

## ③ Terms and conditions

### Scholarships

1. Each scholarship is up to a maximum of NZ\$5,000 for undergraduate or postgraduate course or programme fees for Geographic Information Science (GIS) related courses or postgraduate research or other study-related expenses undertaken during the period of 2026-28 academic years.
2. Scholarship payments are on the basis of fees reimbursement after passing approved courses and the scholarship holder supplying official receipts and transcript results to Toitū Te Whenua.
3. Key eligible GIS related courses are those listed on the Toitū Te Whenua website at [New Zealand tertiary GIS papers, programmes and contacts](#). Applicants can email Toitū Te Whenua at [scholarships@linz.govt.nz](mailto:scholarships@linz.govt.nz) to enquire about eligibility of other GIS related courses or programmes that may not be listed at the above link.
4. In each Academic year, Toitū Te Whenua will typically award a minimum of two undergraduate and two postgraduate tertiary GIS scholarships. Toitū Te Whenua reserves the right to award no scholarships or to award a greater number of scholarships. Toitū Te Whenua's decisions about awarding or not awarding scholarships are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

### Process

5. Applications are open from 6 October 2025 until 30 November 2025. Late applications will not be considered.
6. Applications for GIS Scholarships must be made on this Application form. Applicants will receive a confirmation email that their application has been received.
7. Referees will be contacted for shortlisted applicants.
8. A notification email about whether an application has been successful or not will be sent by the end of January 2026.

### Eligibility

9. Applications are open to students enrolled at a New Zealand university or other New Zealand tertiary institute (or who intend to enroll for the 2026 academic year) who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
10. If you are currently employed, engaged or contracted by Toitū Te Whenua then you are not eligible for the GIS Scholarships.

### Selection criteria

11. Selection of successful applicants will be based on the following:
  - Eligibility requirements being met
  - Information provided by each applicant including a letter stating:
    - why you are taking and/or plan to take GIS related courses
    - why you are applying for this scholarship
    - how a scholarship will help contribute to [Toitū Te Whenua's Strategic intentions 2025-2029](#).
  - Prior tertiary study results
  - Referee feedback (for shortlisted applicants).

### Privacy

12. The personal information provided in your application will be stored securely and protected against unauthorised access.

### General

13. Toitū Te Whenua may from time to time amend these Terms and Conditions and application information required.
14. These terms and conditions are governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of New Zealand.