

Yvonne Aitken Bursary 2025

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About the Scholarship

Yvonne Aitken AM, BAgSc (Melb.), MAgSc (Melb.), DAgSc (Melb.) (dec. 29 November 2004) was, until her retirement in 1975, a senior lecturer in Plant Science at the University. Her publications focused on the genetic and environmental factors controlling plant flowering time in agricultural plants in Australia. She was also Vice-Principal of Janet Clarke Hall.

Pursuant to the Donor's Will dated 18 June 1993, the Donor bequeathed \$49,374.24 to the University (Bequest) 'To pay or transfer one of such parts or shares to the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, Melbourne University, for its Scholarship Fund'

The value of the scholarship is the net annual income of the fund which is approximately \$2000. The value of the bursary may vary depending on the net annual income of the fund.

The Yvonne Aitken Bursary is awarded to an **excellent research student in financial need** in the The School of Agriculture, Food and Ecosystem Sciences (SAFES) in a graduate coursework or graduate research degree.

The bursary will be awarded to the student with the highest weighted average mark (WAM) of her or his undergraduate studies and demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to candidates that have not received this award before.

To determine financial need, students must submit an online [Student Financial Assessment](#) form and applications will be assessed and ranked by Scholarships & Bursaries.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, you need to:

- Be enrolled in a School of Agriculture, Food and Ecosystem Science graduate coursework or graduate research program,
- Demonstrate Financial Need by completing an online [Student Financial Assessment Form](#)

Please note, as part of the application process you are required to provide a **letter of support from your supervisor**. This will be considered as part of the committees assessment.

Outcome

All scholarship outcomes will be sent via SmartyGrants.

Please see outcome timing below:

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- **Round 1** (Jan-March applications): May-July
- **Round 2** (June-August applications): September-October

Please ensure that you check your email inbox as well as your SPAM/Junk mail as emails may sometimes be directed to these folders.

Applicant Details

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Student ID *

Must be a number.

Student Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Personal Email *

Must be an email address.

Area of Study

School *

Masters Program

PHD *

Please provide a copy of your Undergraduate degree transcript/statement of Results *

Attach a file:

Include a copy of the official grading scale from the institution

Research Scholarship Application

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Research Details

Research Project Title *

Research Details *

Must be no more than 500 words.

This should contain a project rationale and description, and if possible, the main knowledge gap that it addresses, its aims, significance and any expected outcomes

Supervisor Details

Supervisor Name *

Financial Information

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Have you submitted a Financial Need Assessment Form? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Applicants need to submit a Student Financial Need Assessment form to be considered for this award.

Link to apply <https://unimelb-scholarships.smartygrants.com.au/SFA>

Submission Declaration

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I declare that the information and content provided in this submission are true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information, misrepresentation, or failure to disclose relevant details may result in review and possible corrective actions. By submitting, I confirm my agreement to adhere to all policies, guidelines, and terms associated with this submission. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Finding this Scholarship

How did you hear about this scholarship? *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Online search (e.g., Google) | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral from an academic/supervisor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social media (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn) | <input type="checkbox"/> Referral from colleague or friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty Newsletters | <input type="checkbox"/> University digital screens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty of Science Scholarship page (science.unimelb.edu.au/students/scholarships) | <input type="checkbox"/> Event, workshop, or webinar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Email Campaigns | <input type="checkbox"/> Contact with Stop1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANVAS/LMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |

- ☐ University of Melbourne Scholarship page (scholarships.unimelb.edu.au)

Please select all that applies.

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Submit

Now that you have finished your application, please make sure you press the SUBMIT button below.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact: science-awards@unimelb.edu.au