

## GARY WALKER SCHOLARSHIP

### Background

The Deer Veterinarians Branch of the New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe (NZVA) offers the Gary Walker Scholarship to provide funding for individual clinical practitioners to undertake district-level investigatory or research work on deer farms. The award was established at the 2017 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Deer Branch.

Examples of the type of projects that could be funded include detailed work-up of animal health issues on individual deer farms, and small on-farm productivity/clinical studies. Most projects awarded the scholarship would ordinarily be difficult to fund because:

- in the case of individual farm issues, the immediate economic return to the client may not warrant investment in a full investigation
- funding for small field studies can be difficult to obtain.

### Rules

1. Definitions:
  - a. “Deer Branch” means Deer Branch of the New Zealand Veterinary Association Te Pae Kīrehe (NZVA)
  - b. “Committee” means the Branch’s management committee consisting of all office bearers for that year.
  - c. “Selection panel” refers to the panel of judges who will consider applications for the award.
2. The award will be known as the Gary Walker Scholarship.
3. Applications for the award are open to all members of the Deer Branch and, in exceptional circumstances, other appropriately qualified individuals with a close affinity to deer production and health.
4. Applications will be judged by a selection panel appointed annually by the committee. All decisions will be final.
5. The scholarship may be used for any purpose or activity considered appropriate by the panel. This could include continuing professional development that would further benefit the New Zealand deer farming industry.
6. The scholarship will be for a sum of up to \$10,000 per annum, that figure being subject to review annually by the committee. Normally, it is expected that the annual consideration will be divided into two to three awards of equivalent value but, at the discretion of the panel, this may be altered to suit the circumstances. If no suitable applicants are received, no award will be made in that year.
7. A call for applications will be circulated in the Deer Branch’s newsletter.
8. The successful applicant(s) will be required to report to the Deer Branch on activities undertaken under the terms of the award within a timeframe and method considered appropriate by the selection panel.

### Terms and conditions

- It is expected that the results of the project be published in the Deer Branch newsletter and/or presented at the NZVA’s annual conference or its equivalent.
- A short progress report will be due midway through the project and a final report will be due one month after completion.
- Funding can be used for (but not limited to) on-farm investigatory/monitoring work and materials, laboratory testing, data analysis and reporting. It is expected that a reasonable amount of veterinarian time would not be funded by the scholarship and would therefore be ‘paid’ for by the veterinary practice.
- Funding from other sources can also be used but it must be shown in the application.
- A project budget detailing materials, time, travel and third party costs/charges should be submitted with the application.



- Applications for prospective (field trial or research-type) studies must be made at least one month before the expected start date of the study. Applications for clinical investigations can be made semi-retrospectively and a rapid turn-around time on the decision to award funds can be made.
- Applications for a Gary Walker Scholarship to contribute to funding part of a larger study will not be considered.

Any enquiries about the Scholarship should be directed to the Secretary of the Deer Branch.

Applications should be made on the application form and emailed to [deer@vets.org.nz](mailto:deer@vets.org.nz).

Applications can be made at any time during the year.

## Application for Gary Walker Scholarship

<b>Applicant name</b>	
<b>Applicant address</b>	
<b>Applicant phone</b>	
<b>Applicant email</b>	
<b>Name/s of farmer/s involved in project</b>	
<b>Name of project</b>	
<b>Location of project</b>	
<b>Proposed commencement and completion dates</b>	
<b>Aim of project</b>	
<b>Proposed methods and materials</b>	
<b>Ethics committee approval required?</b>	
<b>Name of other services/contractors to be used (eg Animal Health Laboratory, Statistician)</b>	
<b>Project cost (please append detailed budget, including funding from other sources and 'in-kind' funding such as product donations)*</b>	
<b>Amount requested from Gary Walker Scholarship Award Fund*</b>	

\*Please use GST-inclusive figures

<b>Applicant signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	