



**Te Uru Rākau**

Forestry New Zealand



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## Ngā Karahipi Uru Rākau FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIPS

He Karahipi a te Manatū Ahu Matua hei whakawhiwhi ki ngā tauira e hiahia ana ki te whai i te Tohu Paetahi Pūtaiao Uru Rākau i te Tohu Paetahi (Hōnoretanga) Pūkahatanga Uru Rākau rānei.

Te Uru Rākau Forestry Scholarships are for students enrolling in either a Bachelor of Forestry Science or a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Forest Engineering.

The scholarships aim to make a more representative Aotearoa forestry industry. We're keen to increase the numbers of Māori and women working in our sector, which is New Zealand's third largest export earner.

To achieve this, we're offering a number of scholarships for the next academic year. Recipients will receive \$8,000 for each year of their four-year degree, as well as paid annual summer internships in the forestry sector.\*

## Robyn Patient

Bachelor of  
Forestry Science



Robyn Patient of Te Arawa (Rangi Te Aorere) and Ngāi Te Rangi (Ngapotiki) descent, was awarded a Te Uru Rākau Forestry Scholarship to support her studies towards a Bachelor of Forestry Science degree.

"Coming into forestry, I had no idea what this sector would entail. Finding an option that encompassed the areas I felt most passionately for was my biggest obstacle when transitioning into tertiary education. After some research and visits to the University of Canterbury, I felt that a degree in forestry science best achieved this."

Forestry is among the most dynamic industries in New Zealand. Unlike other fields, this degree allows me to practice my interests in conservation, biology, Māori land use, and innovative methods for fighting environmental degradation.

I feel strongly for environmental issues threatening the integrity and quality of life in New Zealand such as climate change, erosion, eutrophication, and reduced biodiversity. Forestry is not necessarily a cure-all to these environmental concerns. However, it is a necessary methodology in mitigating the intensity and impacts of global issues. I would love to contribute and be a part of this process."

## Who can apply?

We'd love to hear from you if you're:

- Enrolling in either a Bachelor of Forestry Science or a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Forest Engineering,

and you are:

- Of Māori descent and/or identify as female, and a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

## How do I apply?

- Check out our website for application dates and more information about applying:  
[www.mpi.govt.nz/forestryscholarships](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/forestryscholarships)

## Max Gomez

Bachelor of  
Engineering (Hons) in  
Forest Engineering



Max Gomez, of Ngāi Tahu descent, was awarded a Te Uru Rākau Forestry Scholarship to support his studies towards a Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Forest Engineering.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to study at university. I was looking at engineering options and I went to an engineering seminar where a faculty member from Canterbury University's School of Forestry talked about careers in forestry and opportunities for scholarships.

That's when I realised that forestry engineering would be a good choice for me. And my family supported me too – they think it's a great idea and it fits with New Zealand's ability to grow trees well and our clean, green international image.

There's going to be a demand for forestry engineers and opportunities in New Zealand and around the world in the next few years. Forestry isn't just about cutting down trees. It's a massive field with almost endless opportunities for people to take, from planting trees to building roads.

I'm about to start a paid internship as part of my scholarship. The internships are great and I appreciate the help to get a foot in the door on my chosen career path."

\*subject to satisfactory completion of course work each year.