

Proposal for New Student Award

The Yvonne Aitken Bursary for Honours Students

1. Faculty Sponsoring the Proposal:

Faculty of Land and Food Resources.

2. Title of Bursary:

The Yvonne Aitken Bursary for Honours students of the Faculty of Land and Food Resources

3. Value of the Bursary:

\$1000 for the duration of the honours course.

4. Donor:

Dr. Yvonne Aitken graduated with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science in 1936 and obtained her Masters in 1939. She was awarded a Doctorate of Agricultural Science in 1969. Her main research papers concerned the genetic and environmental factors controlling plant flowering time in agricultural plants in Australia. Dr. Aitken was a Senior Lecturer in Plant Science at the University and for many years was interested in the teaching of agricultural science at University and secondary school. In her retirement she maintained an active research interest particularly in maize breeding. She was awarded an AM (Member of the Order of Australia) for her contribution to Agricultural Science and education.

5. Period of Commitment by Donor:

Continuing.

6. Eligibility:

Commencing students in the Faculty's Honours courses.

7. Criteria for Selection:

Selection will be based principally on academic merit, but consideration for special circumstances may be taken into account. Candidates will be assessed by a scholarship committee of the faculty.

8. Special Conditions:

A minimum of one bursary will be available annually.