Will you help us?

Your generosity will help support the leaders, innovators and problem-solvers of the future.

You can contribute towards our existing scholarship funds, or through establishing your own. You may wish to honour someone special – a family member or someone who has made an outstanding contribution in their chosen field. Whichever option, you will be helping to support science for a better future.

There is additional information about our scholarship funds on our website. We encourage you to contact us if you would like to support our scholarships.

Follow the Journey

By supporting a scholarship through one of our funds, not only are you helping a talented young person to achieve their dreams, but you will be aligning yourself or your organisation with their success.

Regular updates are given to scholarship supporters. To follow the journey of our scholarship recipients visit www.cawthron.org.nz/foundation/scholarships

We would love to talk with you.

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Charity No. CC28711

Grace Newson is a University of Victoria student who worked on creating length/dry weight relationships for New Zealand freshwater invertebrates and then examining their energy content over summer 2016/2017.

“Being at Cawthron on the Kathleen Curtis scholarship was like a dream job, I have learnt so much from my time at Cawthron, this experience will be invaluable to my future scientific career.”
We want to live in a better world – do you?

Cawthron’s scientists have a vision – to maintain a clean, green New Zealand.

Cawthron Institute is deeply concerned about the health of our marine and freshwater environments.

Water is essential for life – to each of us individually and as a nation. It’s not only about clean drinking water, but about providing a safe place for our children to play, protecting the environment, restoring natural habitat, enhancing marine life, ensuring our food is safe and developing sustainable farming, fishing and other business practices.

The sustainable management of New Zealand’s freshwater, coastal and natural environments is one of Cawthron Institute’s top priorities.

Cawthron Foundation

Cawthron Foundation is a registered charity established to support the world-class, independent research developed and delivered by the Cawthron Institute to benefit New Zealand and our global environment.

Cawthron Foundation invites interested individuals and organisations to become partners in developing science for a better world.

Donations and gifts to the Foundation help us develop research that protects and sustains our natural environments and supports emerging and talented New Zealand scientists.

Our charitable status means donations are tax deductible.

Scholarships – nurturing enquiring minds

Imagine what could be discovered if more young people were given the opportunity to explore the challenges facing our environment.

Cawthron Institute partners with tertiary institutions to host undergraduate students. We want to provide the time and space for graduates, technicians and scientists to develop the skills and knowledge they need to solve pressing environmental issues.

Scholarships are important to support the future of scientific discovery and help provide world-class hands-on learning experiences for our future innovators.

Cawthron scholarships are specifically designed to provide a balance of hands-on learning experiences and scientific excellence.

We invite you to contribute to one of our existing scholarship funds or to establish your own.

To find out more about all of our Scholarship funds, go to www.cawthron.org.nz/foundation/scholarships

Sir Theodore Rigg Scholarship Fund

Theodore Rigg (1888-1972) was one of Cawthron’s most renowned scientists. A gifted athlete and scholar, he received undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships.

In 1920 Rigg joined Cawthron as an agricultural scientist. He became head of agriculture and chemistry in 1924, assistant director in 1928, and in 1933 became Director of the Institute. Theodore Rigg devoted his entire scientific career to the work of Cawthron Institute.

This fund provides scholarships for undergraduate students.

Kathleen Curtis (Lady Rigg) Scholarship Fund

Kathleen Curtis (1892-1994) was the first New Zealand woman to graduate with a Doctor of Science. She was awarded many scholarships including the 1851 Exhibition Scholarship for the high quality of her academic work.

Curtis was a founding staff member of Cawthron Institute - the first woman appointed to a research position in New Zealand. Curtis was also an active community leader.

This fund provides scholarships for undergraduate women.

Te Pītau Whakarei Karahipi

The scholarship supports Māori research capability and capacity building and is offered in partnership with Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga, New Zealand’s Māori Centre of Research Excellence. Pītau has dual meaning – the figurehead at the ihu (bow) of the waka; signifies breaking into waves, or a student embarking on their research journey. Pītau is also the word for the unfurled fern frond and signifies growing potential.

This scholarship provides funding for Māori undergraduate students.