

# INTERNATIONAL BIOMETRIC SOCIETY AUSTRALASIAN REGION

## HONOURS AND FOURTH YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS IN STATISTICS, BIostatISTICS OR BIOMETRICS

**Closing Date for Applications: Friday 14 January 2005**

The Australasian Region of the International Biometric Society wants to attract enthusiastic and talented graduates, or near graduates, in statistics, mathematical statistics, biostatistics or biometrics, to career paths in biostatistics and biometrics. Research activity in the biological sciences, particularly biotechnology and medicine, has increased rapidly in recent years and there is a demand for graduates with ability in, and affinity for, mathematical and statistical aspects of biological research. The society is offering scholarships for suitably qualified students who intend to undertake a full-time fourth or honours year of study in statistics, mathematical statistics, biostatistics or biometrics.

Scholarships are for one year and are valued at A\$1000. Applicants should be completing, or have recently completed, a third year of a relevant bachelors degree course, or equivalent, with majors in statistics, mathematical statistics, biostatistics or biometrics, *and* must have a strong academic record, potential for a career in research, a strong interest in applications of mathematics and statistics to the biosciences, and good communication skills.

### How to apply:

Download the application form from this site or request a copy of a form from

Dr John Reynolds, Biometrics Awards

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Applications also require a copy of your academic record, including third year results, and a supporting statement from an academic referee, such as one of your third year lecturers. The form for the supporting statement from the academic referee is also available at this site or from Dr Reynolds. Procedures for submitting the application, and the supporting statement, are detailed on the forms.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- Completion of a 3<sup>rd</sup> year program in statistics, mathematical statistics, biostatistics or biometrics.
- Intention to enrol in a full-time 4<sup>th</sup> year or honours program in statistics, mathematical statistics, biostatistics or biometrics, at a university in Australia or New Zealand. The 4<sup>th</sup> year or honours program may be commenced in either the first or second semester of 2005.
- International students resident in Australia and New Zealand are welcome to apply.
- Recipients of traineeships from prospective or current employers, and students receiving paid study leave from an employer, are *ineligible* for these awards.
- Recipients of awards, prizes and scholarships from universities and other professional societies are eligible for these awards.

### Selection Criteria:

? Strength of academic record

? Potential for a career in research

? Strength of interest in applications of mathematics and statistics to the biosciences

? Strength of communication skills

The award process is competitive and decisions of the selection committee will be based on

- tertiary academic record, including course selection and 3<sup>rd</sup> year grades,
- information provided by the applicant on the application form,
- a supporting statement provided by an academic referee, and
- other supporting material volunteered by the applicant.

### Awards:

- Successful applicants will be notified on or before Monday 14 February 2005.
- The names of successful applicants will be publicised by the society in newsletters and electronic bulletin boards.
- Payment of the emolument will be by cheque on receipt of evidence of enrolment in a full-time 4<sup>th</sup> year or honours program in statistics, mathematical statistics, biostatistics or biometrics. A faxed, endorsed enrolment form or a statement from a Head of Department or Honours Supervisor, indicating subject choices, will be acceptable.