



Joan Mary Anderson Award in Plant Biochemistry

Established in 2017 and funded by a gift to the University by Professor Joan (Jan) Mary Anderson, an internationally-acclaimed plant biologist/plant scientist renowned for her investigation of photosynthesis. Professor Anderson studied organic chemistry at the University of Otago and she obtained a BSc and MSc with first class honours. She spent most of her working life in Canberra, was elected to the Australian Academy of Science in 1987 and to the Royal Society of London in 1996. Professor Anderson died in Australia in August 2015 aged 83.

The purpose of the Award is to provide a stipend to students with a strong interest in plant biochemistry, whom are based within the Department of Biochemistry and intending to undertake 400-level study (Honours, Postgraduate Diploma or the papers year of a Master's degree).

The Award shall be offered annually by the University Council on the recommendation of the Selection Panel, comprising the Dean of the School of Biomedical Sciences, the Head of the Department of Biochemistry, and one other senior staff member of the Department of Biochemistry, to a student who is undertaking a 400-level plant biochemistry project in the Department of Biochemistry and who shows the greatest promise to contribute to plant science. In making their decision the selection panel will take into consideration the applicant's academic grades, relevance and quality of their research proposal, and the proposed career plans of the student. Applications will be considered at the beginning of the applicant's 400-level year.

The monetary value of the award will normally be \$6,000. It shall be taken up on confirmation of 400-level Honour's/Postgraduate Diploma/Master's enrolment in Biochemistry and will be paid as a monthly stipend for the period of enrolment for which it is awarded.

The selection panel reserves the right to make more than one award and/or adjust the amount of the award, as funding permits.

Where no suitable applicant is found, no award shall be made.