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## DWC TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN

Applications are now open for Development West Coast's tertiary scholarships.

The four annual scholarships are valued up to \$32,500 per student over the three to four years of their tertiary study.

DWC Chief Executive Heath Milne said, "Retaining our young talent was identified through Te Whanaketanga Te Tai Poutini West Coast 2050 Strategy as a key issue impacting on West Coast businesses' ability to grow and improve productivity."

"The scholarships are designed to grow and retain highly qualified residents on the West Coast by removing barriers to training and employment.

"DWC is proud to partner with West Coast businesses to provide scholarship opportunities that include a mixture of fee payment, holiday work and guaranteed employment on the West Coast upon completion of the student's tertiary study," Mr Milne said.

One scholarship is available per district, with an additional regional scholarship.

The scholarship opportunities are for first-time tertiary students and are not limited to school leavers.

"We invite anyone who is planning to study at tertiary level next year and who is committed to work and live on the West Coast following completion of their study to apply."

Last year's scholarships were awarded to Clark Fountain, Ella Rae-Wood, Jack Stead-Wilson, Rachel Morris and Scarlett Hamilton.

Through his scholarship, Greymouth High School graduate Clark is pursuing an Industrial Product Design Degree at University of Canterbury.

"I have always been passionate about design and creating new things. This started with Lego at a young age, to now creating an idea from its beginning and taking it right through to final production," Clark said.

"The skills I am learning currently in my degree are quite broad and can be applied in a range of industries. The Coast has a rich engineering background which I hope to work in and bring new design innovation to."

During the upcoming academic break Clark will be

interning at Liddell Contracting in Greymouth.

"The internship will help connect my studies to industry, allowing for a smooth transition from what I have been learning in class to applying it into practical real-world situations.

"If it wasn't available, it would have been challenging to find summer work related to my degree on the Coast and I would have had to look elsewhere."

Anna Liddell, General Manager of Liddell Contracting, said the scholarship/internship programme was a great opportunity to retain young people in the region.

"The Coast has some fantastic leading-edge businesses, yet we find many young people want to spread their wings and move to the cities."



**AN INTERNSHIP GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE WHAT WE DO, PASS ON OUR SKILLS TO THE NEXT GENERATION WITH THE HOPE TO INSPIRE THEM TO STAY ON THE COAST."**

Anna Liddell, Liddell Contracting

Clark said, "While there are many cutting edge businesses in the design and engineering sector both locally and abroad, West Coast based businesses offer unique opportunities for faster upskilling and the ability to work in small close-knit workplaces with years of experience.

"This gives me confidence heading into a career on the Coast."

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SCHOLARSHIPS VALUED UP TO:

**\$32,500** PER STUDENT

The scholarships also offer summer work and guaranteed employment on the West Coast on completion of the applicant's tertiary study.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ➔ **Adding your photos to Wikipedia | Online**  
Tuesday, 23 August 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Online | FREE
- ➔ **Global reach: attracting and retaining staff, and growing internationally | Franz Josef**  
Monday, 5 September 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
St Johns, Franz Josef | FREE
- ➔ **Global reach: attracting and retaining staff, and growing internationally | Hokitika**  
Tuesday, 6 September 9:00am - 11:00am  
Lazar Park, Hokitika | FREE
- ➔ **Global reach: attracting and retaining staff, and growing internationally | Greymouth**  
Tuesday, 6 September 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
TBD, Greymouth | FREE
- ➔ **Global reach: attracting and retaining staff, and growing internationally | Westport**  
Wednesday, 7 September 10:00am - 12:00pm  
White Star Rugby Club, Westport | FREE
- ➔ **West Coast Economic Update with Infometrics | Westport**  
Thursday, 22 September 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
Denniston Dog, Westport | FREE
- ➔ **West Coast Economic Update with Infometrics | Hokitika**  
Thursday, 22 September 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
St Johns, Hokitika | FREE

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## TOURISM COMMUNITIES: SRR FUNDING CLOSES 31 AUGUST

Since 1 September 2021, Westland businesses have accessed over \$3.03m in support through MBIE's Tourism Communities: Support, Recovery and Re-set Plan (SRR) via DWC.

The SRR programme offers targeted support for COVID-19 impacted businesses in Westland, Fiordland/Southland, Queenstown Lakes, Mackenzie, and Kaikoura Districts.

Under the programme COVID-19 impacted businesses in Westland may be eligible for grants of up to \$5,000 for Business Advisory Support - professional one-to-one support and tailored advice to help the business adjust to the impact of the pandemic. A further grant of up to \$5,000 has been available to help implement advice received.

The Tourism Kick-start Fund is also available for eligible Westland businesses who experienced a drop in annual revenue (post-COVID) of at least 50%. The grant, between a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$50,000 per business operation, was a contribution to increasing levels of service in preparation for the return of international visitors.

"The opportunity to take up support from DWC has helped give us confidence to continue developing and growing our business despite losing our guests (from COVID-19) and not knowing how we were going to keep up our momentum," said Julie Wolbers and Jonathan Crofton from Ribbonwood Retreat.

Applications for MBIE's Tourism Communities: SRR plan are open for Westland businesses until 31 August 2022.

Register your interest through [westlandsrr@dwc.org.nz](mailto:westlandsrr@dwc.org.nz), see our website for further information, or call DWC to talk with the Business Support Team.

[westcoast.co.nz/SRR](https://westcoast.co.nz/SRR)