Costa Avocado Horticulture Scholarship

1. **Purpose**
   The purpose of the scholarship is to support School of Agriculture and Food Science students, enrolled in the Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree and who are majoring in horticulture.

2. **Definitions**
   In these rules –
   - **Head** means the Head of School, School of Agriculture and Food Sciences;
   - **Relevant program** means the Bachelor of Agricultural Science;
   - **Field of Study** means a specified major in Horticulture;
   - **Scholarship** means the Costa Avocado Horticulture Scholarship.

3. **Award and value of scholarship**
   (1) One scholarship will be awarded annually for two years on the recommendation of the Head.
   (2) The value of the scholarship is $5,000 for each year for which it is held.

4. **Eligibility for award**
   An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship if the applicant –
   (a) submits an application to the Head, by the closing date for applications; and
   (b) is enrolled full-time in the first or second year of the relevant program in the relevant field of study; and
   (c) does not hold another scholarship that the Head considers to be similar.

5. **Selection of award**
   (1) For the selection process, the Head must establish a selection committee, comprising-
      (a) the Head, or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
      (b) one representative of Costa Group; and
      (c) academic staff members who are currently teaching in the relevant program, with university staff comprising the majority.
   (2) The scholarship is awarded to the applicant showing greatest merit as demonstrated by-
      (a) overall academic achievement in courses undertaken in the relevant program; and
      (b) personal qualities, including: passion, sincerity, accountability, respect and determination and leadership potential; and
      (c) strength of interest that the applicant demonstrates in completing at least one period of vacation employment at Costa Group; and
      (d) any other matter that the selection committee considers to be relevant to the applicant's future success in the horticulture profession.
   (3) Costa may interview short-listed applicants.

6. **Conditions for scholarship**
   (1) The recipient may hold the scholarship for up to 2 years, subject to the recipient:
      (a) continuing to be enrolled full-time in the relevant program; and
      (b) achieving a GPA of at least 4 for each semester of study; and
      (c) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 7(1), the recipient must show cause to the Head, why the scholarship should not be cancelled.

7. **Termination of scholarship**
   The University may terminate a Scholarship -
   (a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2); or
   (b) if the student commits serious misconduct.