



## **MEDIA RELEASE – IFS GROWTH**

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### **Growing the future of forestry – top scholars rewarded.**

Winners of the inaugural *IFS Growth Tertiary Scholarship* awards have been announced for 2018.

This prestigious scholarship initiative was established by innovative industry specialists IFS Growth, to support exemplar students, in pursuit of a qualification for the forestry industry. The award provides a powerful kick-start into the world of forestry with cash towards course tuition fees, work experience opportunities and entry into the company's graduate career programme.

CEO of IFS Growth James Treadwell is excited about the caliber of the successful applicants this year. They have been put through a rigorous selection process. The scholarship criteria include academic excellence, and the ability to demonstrate a strong affinity and passion for the forestry industry.

“We look for those dedicated students, who are motivated to succeed long-term, within the forestry industry. Forestry offers a great range of rewarding jobs for graduates interested in areas such as sustainability, R and D, innovation, the environment, management, as well as traditional forest floor logistics. We've seen an increase in



capability and diversity in the scholarship applicants which bodes well for the industry's future. IFS Growth is an adaptable and forward-thinking forestry business. We think these students are a perfect fit with our approach," confirms Treadwell.

Three clear scholarship winners have been selected from a strong field this year: Rhys Black, Grace Marshall and Dan Montgomery. All are currently students of University of Canterbury's School of Forestry. They will each receive \$5000 per annum towards their university course fees and gain a place in the IFS Growth's graduate scheme. The future looks bright for these foresters of the future, and for the industry they are headed towards.

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