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I applied for the NZV Scholarship to support my participation in the 9th International Greenhouse Gas & Animal Agriculture (GGAA) Conference, held from October 5–9, 2025, in Nairobi, Kenya. I used the scholarship to cover conference-related expenses, including registration, transportation, accommodation, and other associated costs.

Goals and final outcome:

- Successfully presented an in vitro gas production study comparing methane and total gas production, as well as organic matter degradability, of three forage species across five regrowth weeks.
- Successfully presented an in vivo study comparing methane emissions, lactation performance, and feed intake patterns of dairy cows offered either ryegrass or chicory as the sole forage source.
- One of the posters (in vivo study) was awarded second place.

Through this opportunity, I was able to present my findings at the GGAA conference, further refine my expertise, and engage in constructive discussions with peers and experts in the field.

The NZV Scholarship supported my PhD research and provided valuable perspectives that have already contributed to improving my ongoing and future work.

I recommend the scholarship strongly to other students, because it provides valuable financial support that enables students to attend conferences, present their research, and gain international exposure. And it offers opportunities to receive feedback from experts, expand professional networks, and engage in meaningful scientific discussions. A NZV Scholarship helps students further develop their academic skills and contributes positively to their future research and career development.