

# The Catherine Sinclair Lees Memorial Grant in French

## Regulations

### Key Information

<b>Closing date</b>	31 March
<b>Value</b>	\$1,000
<b>Number available annually</b>	One
<b>Special requirements</b>	Applicants must have a serious health condition. <sup>1</sup>

#### 1. Purpose

The grant supports students of French at the University of Canterbury who have a serious health condition.<sup>1</sup>

#### 2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be enrolled in at least one 100-, 200-, or 300-level course in French at the University.

2.2 Applicants must have a serious health condition.<sup>1</sup>

#### 3. Application process

3.1 Applications must be made to the Head of the School of Language, Social and Political Sciences (or nominee) by 31 March, on the form available from the Scholarships website.<sup>2</sup>

3.2 Applications from previous recipients of the grant are accepted, but applications from those who have not previously held the grant are given preference.

#### 4. Selection process

4.1 One grant is available annually.

4.2 The grant is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of the Head of the School of Language, Social and Political Sciences (or nominee).

#### 5. Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee considers the impact of the serious medical condition on the applicant's ability to study.

5.2 If, in any year, there is no suitable candidate no grant is awarded.

## 6. Conditions of acceptance

By accepting the award, recipients agree to provide to the donor's family (or their representatives), through the University of Canterbury Foundation,<sup>3</sup> a thank-you letter and a brief outline of how the grant has assisted them.

## 7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$1,000.

7.2 The grant is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.

## 8. Background information

The award was established in 2019 from a bequest of Maureen Anne Lees, who died in 2015, aged 95. Mrs Lees was a loved wife of the late Jim Lees, and a beloved mother of Bill and the late Catherine. The grant is in memory of Maureen's daughter, Catherine Sinclair Lees, who died in 1990 of cancer. Catherine was a University of Canterbury alumna who graduated from the University with a double bachelor's degree in French and Art History in 1980, and then a master's degree in French in 1981. Catherine met her future husband, Richard, at the University, and married in 1984, having completed teacher training at Christchurch Teacher's Training College (later the UC College of Education, Health and Human Development).

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## Notes

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<sup>1</sup> A *serious health condition* is here defined as a condition, excluding a Specific Learning Difficulty, that qualifies a student for registration with the University's [Equity & Disability Service](#) and/or [Special Consideration](#). Applicants must provide evidence of either their registration with the Equity & Disability Service or their having received Special Consideration.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarshipsearch/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/uc-foundation/contacts/>