

# Dr Russell Smith Memorial Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

## Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga   Closing date</b>	31 March
<b>Whaipainga   Value</b>	\$2,000
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	One year
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	One
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable enrolment during tenure</b>	Full-time enrolment at undergraduate or postgraduate level.
<b>Herenga motuhake   Special requirements</b>	By the closing date for applications, an applicant must have registered with the University's Te Ratonga Whaikaha   Equity & Disability Service as a student with a vision impairment.

### 1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports students at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury who have a vision impairment.

### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 By the closing date for applications, an applicant must have registered with the University's Te Ratonga Whaikaha | Equity & Disability Service as a student with a vision impairment.

2.2 Applicants must be enrolled full-time at the University.

### 3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>1</sup> by 31 March.

3.2 Applications are accepted from current and previous recipients of the scholarship. All applications are given equal consideration.

### 4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

4.1 One scholarship is available annually.

4.2 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);

- b. a representative of Te Ratonga Whaikaha | Equity & Disability Service; and
- c. a representative of the family of Marian D'Eve and Russell Smith.

## 5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
- a. academic achievement;
  - b. community involvement; and
  - c. the obstacles faced in pursuing study, including financial need.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship is offered.

## 6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$2,000.
- 6.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.

## 7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year of application.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment at the University in an undergraduate or postgraduate programme.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- 7.4 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.5 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 7.6 At the conclusion of their scholarship tenure, recipients are required to submit, to the family representative on the selection committee, a brief report on their studies.
- 7.7 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

## 8. Whakamahuki | Background information

This scholarship, along with the Marian D'Eve Memorial Scholarship, was established in 2009 by the family of Russell Smith and Marian D'Eve, following their tragic loss in August 2005. Both Dr Smith and Ms D'Eve were distinguished graduates of the University of Canterbury. Dr Smith was a member of the University of Canterbury Council, a patron of the UC Foundation, and a former staff member in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He was involved in the establishment of one of Canterbury's major electronics companies, HumanWare, which has an international reputation for Braille and speech technology, screen-reading software, and video-magnification solutions. In 2004 Dr Smith was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in recognition of his career dedicated to improving the lives of the visually impaired.

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## Pitopito kōrero | Notes

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<sup>1</sup> [www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/)