

Go Waitaha Canterbury Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	7 August
Whaipanga Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistance with fees for accommodation at a hall of residence recognised by the University,¹ at a value of \$15,000, and priority consideration for a place in a hall².• At no cost, the opportunity to participate in the Te Kakau a Māui Programme, a bespoke mentoring and development programme.• At no cost, educational outdoor recreational field trips showcasing the UC campus and Ōtautahi Christchurch lifestyle in Waitaha Canterbury, organised by the University in the first year of study.• At no cost, a range of workshops and seminars organised by the University for personal, academic, and professional development.
Wā roanga Tenure	One year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	90
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure	Full-time, full-year enrolment in any programme at the University.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Applicants, in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year, ³ in the previous year), must be attending a school and/or living outside the Greater Christchurch area. ⁴

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports students from outside the Greater Christchurch area⁴ in their first year of study at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury while residing at a hall of residence recognised by the University.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be Year-13 students or on a gap year.³

2.2 Applicants, in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year,³ in the previous year), must be attending a school and/or living outside the Greater Christchurch area.

- 2.3 Applicants must have achieved Merit at NCEA Level 2 or a corresponding level in an equivalent university entrance qualification.
- 2.4 Applicants must be able to demonstrate they are experiencing financial hardship making it difficult to undertake tertiary study.
- 2.5 By the date advertised on the webpage for UC halls of residence, applicants must:
- complete the separate UC Application for Accommodation online form;⁵ and
 - complete the New Zealand Common Confidential Reference Form.⁶

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website⁷ by 11:59 pm (NZT) on 7 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Ninety scholarships are available annually. At least two are reserved for students who whakapapa Māori, at least two are reserved for students who identify as Pacific, at least two are reserved for students who identify as Rainbow, at least two are reserved for students who identify as disabled and at least two are reserved for students who will be registering with the University's Te Ratonga Whaikaha | Student Accessibility Service.
- 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);
 - the Kaiwhakahaere Tartitari | Director of Recruitment (or nominee); and
 - the Student Experience Manager (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives consideration to:
- potential to benefit from a Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury education;
 - commitment to creating positive change in the world;⁸
 - engagement with the community that will benefit from the desired positive change in the world; and
 - potential to benefit from the development opportunities offered by the scholarship shown in clause 6.1

Applicants are required to provide a confidential reference in support of these selection criteria.

- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships are offered.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides assistance with fees for accommodation at a hall of residence recognised by the University¹, at a value of \$15,000, and priority consideration for a place at the hall². In addition, recipients receive the following:
- At no cost, the opportunity to participate in the Te Kakau a Māui Programme, a bespoke mentoring and development programme.
 - At no cost, educational outdoor recreational field trips showcasing the UC campus and Ōtautahi Christchurch lifestyle in Waitaha Canterbury, organised by the University in the first year of study.
 - At no cost, a range of workshops and seminars organised by the University for personal, academic, and professional development.
- 6.2 The value of the scholarship is deducted from the recipient's accommodation invoice on a pro-rata basis according to the hall's payment schedule.
- 6.3 The scholarship cannot be used to pay the accommodation application fee or the hall deposit. Payment will be made in January to align with the due date of the first instalments.

6.4 If the cost of accommodation fees is less than \$15,000 then the remaining funds will be paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account after the final date in Semester 1 on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course⁹.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in Semester One of the year following the year of application¹⁰.

7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment in any undergraduate degree programme at the University.

7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.

7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with the following scholarships:

- a. Outstanding Impact Scholarship
- b. UC Haupatu Scholarship
- c. Empowerment Through Adversity Scholarship
- d. UC Kaitoko Māori Scholarship
- e. UC Kaitoko Pacific Scholarship
- f. Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship

It is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.5 By accepting the award, recipients indicate that they are willing to engage in the opportunities detailed in clause 6.1:

7.6 The scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered if, during tenure, the recipient does not:

- a. maintain an enrolment that meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2;
- b. maintain satisfactory academic engagement; and
- c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules¹¹.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The University established the scholarship in 2020 to replace the Go Canterbury Scholarship, which the University and a previous accommodation partner had established in 2015. In 2024 the eligibility for the scholarship was extended to anyone not living or studying in Greater Christchurch immediately prior to coming to UC.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence>

² An offer of place in a hall is guaranteed, but this may not necessarily be the applicant's first or second preference.

³ Candidates who are on a gap year and who met the scholarship's conditions in the year before the year of application are eligible. For the University's definition of *gap year* with regard to scholarships see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms>.

⁴ <https://greaterchristchurch.org.nz/assets/Documents/greaterchristchurch/Our-Space-consultation/our-space-maps/Map-of-Greater-Christchurch-area.pdf>.

⁵ <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls/apply/>

⁶ <https://ccrf.ac.nz/students/>

⁷ <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships>

⁸ Commitment to creating positive change in the world is aligned to UC's commitment to grow students who are prepared to make a difference. Positive change in the world can include cultural, economic, environmental, political, and/or social gains.

⁹ For the final dates on which students may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/study-support-info/dates-and-timetables/enrolment-dates/change-of-enrolment-dates>.

¹⁰ Uptake of the scholarship cannot be deferred unless there are exceptional extenuating circumstances, such as compelling medical reasons or adverse personal circumstances beyond a student's control. Those seeking exception would need to contact scholarships@canterbury.ac.nz.

¹¹ For the University's definitions of satisfactory academic engagement with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms>.