

Helen Macmillan Brown Bursary

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	7 August
Whaipanga Value	Up to \$2,500
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Up to 10
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programmes	Full-time enrolment in the first year of an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Canterbury
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Recipients must identify as female. Recipients, during tenure of the bursary, must be residents of a hall or village that the University recognises as being affiliated with the University. ¹

1. Aronga | Purpose

This bursary supports female students in residence in a recognised hall or village at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must identify as female; and
- 2.2 Applicants must intend to be residents of a hall or village that the University recognises as being affiliated with the University in the year following application.
- 2.3 Applicants must intend to enrol full-time in the first year of an undergraduate degree at the University in the year following application.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website² by 11:59 pm (NZT) on 7 August.
- 3.2 Previous recipients of the grant are not eligible

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Up to 10 grants are available annually.
- 4.2 The grant is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the Vice Chancellor (or nominee) will consider academic achievement as indicated by quality of achievement at NCEA Level 2 or in equivalent university entrance qualifications. In distinguishing between candidates of equal academic merit, financial need will be taken into account.
- 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 must be taken up in Semester 1 of the year following the year of application.³
- 6.2 The grant provides financial assistance up to a value of \$2,500.
- 6.3 The grant is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account.
- 6.4 Payment will be made as soon as practicable after confirmation of a recipient's (1) full-time enrolment at the University, and (2) residence at a recognised hall or village.

7. Paearu here | Tenability

- 7.1 The grant is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.2 The bursary may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered if, during tenure, the recipient does not:
 - a. maintain a full-time enrolment at the University;
 - b. remain in residence at a recognised hall or village;
 - c. maintain satisfactory academic engagement; and
 - d. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The Helen Macmillan Brown Bursary was established in 1920 by Emeritus Professor John Macmillan Brown of the University of Canterbury, in memory of his late wife, Mrs Helen Macmillan Brown, née Connon, a former Lady Principal of Christchurch Girls' High School and the first woman to graduate from the University (in January 1875).

The bursary was originally awarded to students at Helen Connon Hall, a residence managed by Canterbury College. In 1974, after the Hall closed, the bursary was opened to women at any hall administered by the University. By 1990, only University Hall was still administered by the University, and the regulations were changed to restrict tenure to women residing at that hall. In 2015 the bursary was revised to allow more awards, for a shorter tenure, and to open the bursaries to women at any residential hall or village recognised as affiliated with the University.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ See <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls-of-residence> for the current list of recognised halls and villages.

² <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships>

³ 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