

John Rutherford Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	31 March
Whaipainga Value	\$15,000
Wā roanga Tenure	One Year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Up to 10
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure	Full-time enrolment in the second year of an undergraduate degree programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Applicants must be citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.

1. Aronga | Purpose

The purpose of the scholarship is to support students who would struggle financially in the second year of their undergraduate studies at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be in full-time enrolment in the second year of an undergraduate degree programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.
- 2.2 Applicants must be citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.
- 2.3 Applicants must be studying their first undergraduate degree and have completed at least 105 points of courses in this degree by the end of the year preceding application.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website¹ by 31 March.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Up to 10 scholarships are available annually.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee); and
 - b. the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives consideration to:
 - a. financial hardship; and
 - b. academic achievement; and
 - c. character and leadership potential.
- 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 financial assistance at a value of \$15,000.
- 6.2 The scholarship will initially be paid towards a recipient's fees. Any remaining funds will be paid to the recipient as a stipend.
- 6.3 Fees will be paid directly to the recipient's University fees account. The stipend is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.
- 6.4 The stipend will be paid in two equal instalments during tenure. The first instalment will be paid as soon as practicably possible after the scholarship has been accepted. The second instalment will be paid in Semester 2 after Semester 1's academic engagement and progress has been reviewed.

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 in the second year of an undergraduate degree programme.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other scholarship.
- 7.5 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 progress;² and
 - c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The scholarship was established in 2024 thanks to a generous donation from UC Alumnus John Rutherford. Having personally benefitted from scholarship support himself, John seeks to provide financial assistance to motivated and talented New Zealand students who might otherwise struggle to complete their tertiary education.

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Tuhinga i mua | Previous versions: September 2024

Award Owner: Team Leader, Scholarships

Tohutoro | Reference: 96001:XXXX: 960JRSCHOL:0:2

Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships>

² For the University's definitions of *satisfactory academic engagement* and *satisfactory academic progress* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms>.