Kuching Malaysian Alumni Scholarship



Regulations

Key Information

Closing date 31 October

Value \$10,000

Tenure One year

Number available annually One

Applicable programme during tenure

Full-time enrolment in a programme for an undergraduate degree at the

University.

Special requirements

 Applicants must have been born in the Kuching Division, Sarawak,
Malaysia and/or have attended a primary or secondary school in the Kuching Division for at least five years.

 Applicants must be citizens of Malaysia. They cannot also be citizens of New Zealand or Australia, holders of New Zealand residence class visas, or Australian Permanent Residents.

1. Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports top students from the Kuching Division, Sarawak, Malaysia who are studying in an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Canterbury.

2. Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must have been born in the Kuching Division, Sarawak, Malaysia and/or have attended a primary or secondary school in the Kuching Division for at least five years.
- 2.2 Applicants must be citizens of Malyasia. They cannot also be citizens of New Zealand or Australia, holders of New Zealand residence class visas, or Australian Permanent Residents. 2
- 2.3 Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a university entrance qualification.
- 2.4 Applicants who are not continuing students at the University must apply for admission to the University by 31 October in the year of application.
- 2.5 The scholarship is tenable by full-fee-paying international students.
- 2.6 Recipients who will be beginning their first year of study at the University must qualify for admission to the University, through achievement of University Entrance or an equivalent qualification, by at least one week before the first day of Semester 1 of the year of tenure.

3. Selection process

3.1 One scholarship is available annually.

- 3.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of University, on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
 - b. a representative of the University of Canterbury Foundation; and
 - c. a representative of the Kuching UC Alumni Chapter.

4. Selection criteria

- 4.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee considers:
 - a. academic achievement; and
 - b. evidence of leadership potential, including, but not limited to, participation in cultural, sporting, and/or community activities.

In selecting between candidates of equal merit, financial need is also considered.

4.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship is awarded.

5. Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website³ by 31 October.

6. Tenability

- 6.1 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment in a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.
- 6.2 The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- 6.3 The scholarship is tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7. Value and payment schedule

- 7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance to a value of \$10,000.
- 7.2 The value of a scholarship is credited directly to a recipient's University fees account at the time of full-time enrolment in a programme for an undergraduate degree.

8. Conditions of acceptance

- 8.1 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
- 8.2 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
- 8.3 By accepting an award, recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance, and indicate that they are willing to engage in University community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as University ambassadors, and being involved with University publicity as appropriate.
- 8.4 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 6.1, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 8.5 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic engagement⁴ and adherence to the statutes and regulations of the University.

9. Background information

The scholarship was established in 2016. It partially replaces the Malaysian Alumni City and Regional Scholarships, which had been established at the University in 2012. The scholarship is funded thanks to the generous support of the Kuching UC Alumni Chapter. The University's Kuching Malaysian alumni recognise the contribution their University of Canterbury degrees have made to their own lives and to

those of their families, and they fund this scholarship to help a new generation of students from Kuching to attend their alma mater.

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¹ Applicants with Permanent Resident status in Malaysia are not eligible.

² If, during the tenure of a scholarship, a recipient's immigration status changes so that he or she is no longer a full-fee-paying international student, and thereby obtains a partial refund of academic fees from the University, the scholarship is withdrawn, and any scholarship money paid since the status change was recorded at the University is refunded to the source.

³ http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

⁴ For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/.