

Leigh and Judith Pownall Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	7 August
Whaipanga Value	\$5,000
Wā roanga Tenure	One year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Up to eight: up to four for applicants intending to major in Geography, and up to four for applicants intending to major in Music
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure	Full-time enrolment in the first year of a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University with a major in Geography and/or Music
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports undergraduate Geography and Music majors at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.
- 2.2 Applicants must be completing a university entrance qualification in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year, in the year immediately prior)¹.
- 2.3 Applicants must be intending to enrol full-time in their first year of a programme at the University for an undergraduate degree with a major in Geography and/or Music.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website² by 11:59 pm (NZT) on 7 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Up to eight scholarships are available annually. Up to four for applicants intending to major in Geography, and up to four for applicants intending to major in Music.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of the selection committees. The selection committee for Geography majors comprises:
 - a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);

- b. the Head of the School of Earth and Environment (or nominee); and
- c. the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Science (or nominee).

4.3 The selection committee for Music majors comprises:

- a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
- b. the Head of the Music Department (or nominee); and
- c. the Associate Dean (Academic) of the Faculty of Arts (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendations the selection committees consider:

- a. academic achievement, as indicated by quality of achievement at NCEA Level 2 or in equivalent university entrance qualifications;
- b. evidence of leadership potential; and
- c. involvement in sporting, cultural, and community activities.

5.2 If in any year there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit in either category of scholarship than there are scholarships available, fewer awards will be made in that category. In such a case, the unawarded scholarship or scholarships may be made available to the other category.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$5,000.

6.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account.

6.3 The payment is made in one instalment and is paid as soon as practicable after:

- a. the final dates in which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course;³ and
- b. confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 7.2.

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 application⁴.

7.2 The scholarship is tenable by students enrolled full-time in their first year of a programme at the University for an undergraduate degree with a major in Geography and/or Music.

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 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;⁵ and
- c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The scholarship was established in 2012 from a bequest of Mrs Judith Pownall (nee Whittaker), widow of Leigh Pownall, for the "advancement of education" in Geography and Music at the University. Leigh Pownall was Professor of Geography at the University, and is considered "the father of urban geography in New Zealand".⁶ He became the University's youngest vice-chancellor in 1961 and led the University with great efficiency until 1966, during a period of enormous growth.⁷ The strength and standing of the University today are considered to be "a tribute to the legacy of Dr Pownall's tenure as vice-chancellor".⁸ Dr and Mrs Pownall were married for 65 years, lived happily in Christchurch for 22

years, and shared a keen lifetime interest in music and the arts. They had a wide circle of friends⁹ and worked tirelessly together to improve and cement the relationship between the University and the city.⁸

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ For the University's definition of *gap year* see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms>.

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

³ 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>.

⁴ 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.

⁵ For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms>.

⁶ King, L. J. (2009). A tribute: Leslie Leigh Pownall. *New Zealand Geographer*, 65(2), pp. 155–157.

⁷ Gardner, W. J. et al. (1973). *A history of the University of Canterbury*, (pp. 372–377). Christchurch: University of Canterbury.

⁸ R. Mann, Chancellor of the University of Canterbury, cited in "University pays tribute to former vice-chancellor". *Chronicle*, 43(18), 2008, p. 2.

⁹ Crean, M. (2008, 8 November). Landmark appointment was spur to growth. *The Press* (Christchurch), p. D15.