



Lighthouse Vision Trust Scholarship and Susan Barnes Memorial Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	31 March
Whaipanga Value	The value of each scholarship for full-time recipients is \$10,000. A scholarship is paid pro rata if a recipient is enrolled for fewer than 120 points.
Wā roanga Tenure	One year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	At least one of each
Herenga tika Applicable programmes during tenure	Programmes for undergraduate or postgraduate degrees
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants must be citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.• Applicants must have a vision impairment.

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarships support students with a vision impairment in undertaking study at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury. The two scholarships are of equal value and prestige. These regulations apply to both scholarships.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must have a vision impairment of 6/18 or less with both eyes and best possible correction, or less than 20 degrees of vision.
- 2.2 By the closing date for applications, an applicant must have registered with the University's Equity & Disability Service as a student with a vision impairment.
- 2.3 Applicants must be citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.
- 2.4 Applicants must be enrolled, full-time or part-time, at the University at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

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

- 3.2 Applicants are considered for both the Lighthouse Vision Trust Scholarship and the Susan Barnes Scholarship, and the decision on which of the selected candidates is offered which scholarship is made randomly.
- 3.3 A previous recipient of a Lighthouse Vision Trust Scholarship or a Susan Barnes Memorial Scholarship may re-apply for these scholarships. However, no student may hold one of the scholarships or a combination of the two scholarships over a total period of more than three years.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 At least one of each scholarship is available annually.
- 4.2 The scholarships are awarded by Te Kaunihera | Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
- a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
 - b. the Kaiwhakahaere, Te Ratonga Whaikaha | Manager, Equity & Disability Service (or nominee); and
 - c. a representative of the Lighthouse Vision Trust.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
- a. academic achievement;
 - b. general character; and
 - c. the obstacles to study that have been created by the vision impairment, and how the applicant has overcome these.
- Preference may be given to applicants who are enrolled full-time.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit for a scholarship than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships are offered.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The value of each scholarship for full-time recipients is \$10,000. A scholarship is paid pro rata if a recipient is enrolled for fewer than 120 points in the year of tenure.
- 6.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account. Full-time students and other recipients of values of more than \$5,000 receive a scholarship in two equal instalments; other part-time students receive a single payment.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 The scholarships must be taken up in the year of application.
- 7.2 The scholarships are tenable during part-time or full-time enrolment in a programme for an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University.
- 7.3 The scholarships are tenable for one year.
- 7.4 The Lighthouse Vision Trust Scholarship and the Susan Barnes Memorial Scholarship are not co-tenable. Each is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.5 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2, a scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds will be recovered, subject to the discretion of the Lighthouse Vision Trust.
- 7.6 By accepting the awards, recipients:
- a. consent to the Lighthouse Vision Trust and the University using the name, photograph, and details of a recipient for advertising and publicity; and
 - b. agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities, if requested by either the Lighthouse Vision Trust or the University.

7.7 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes, regulations, policies and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

History of the Lighthouse Vision Trust Scholarship: The Lighthouse Vision Trust established the scholarship in 2016. The Trust provides a comprehensive Low Vision Service for the people of Waitaha Canterbury and Tai Poutini Westland regions, enriching lives and enhancing independence. This scholarship is a practical way of supporting people who have a vision impairment and who study at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

History of the Susan Barnes Memorial Scholarship: The Lighthouse Vision Trust established the scholarship in 2016 to recognise the achievements of Susan Barnes, who graduated from the University with a BA in 2002 and a BA(Hons) in 2007. It replaces the Lighthouse Vision Trust Susan Barnes Memorial Scholarship, which had been established in 2014.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/