

Lissie Rathbone Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	7 August
Whaipainga Value	\$2,000 per annum
Wā roanga Tenure	Three years
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	At least one
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure	Full- or part-time enrolment in an undergraduate programme for a degree with a major in either English or History.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Applicants must be under 19 years of age on the previous 1 December; and Applicants must have resided continuously in the territory of Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha Environment Canterbury ¹ for at least the 12 months preceding the closing date for applications.

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship supports undergraduate students of English or History at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be under 19 years of age on the previous 1 December.
- 2.2 Applicants must have resided continuously in the territory of Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha | Environment Canterbury¹ for at least the 12 months preceding the closing date for applications.
- 2.3 Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a university entrance qualification and must have studied at secondary level in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year,² in the year immediately prior).

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website³ by 11:59 pm (NZT) on 7 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 At least one scholarship is 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);
- b. the Head of the Department of English (or nominee); and
- c. the Head of the Department of History (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendation(s), the selection committee considers achievement in Level 2 NCEA (or equivalent) in both English and History.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer or no candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer or no scholarships are awarded.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$2,000 per annum.
- 6.2 In each year of tenure, the scholarship is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, as soon as practicable after:
 - a. the final date, in the first semester, on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course; 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 1 of the year following the year of application⁴.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full- or part-time enrolment at the University in a programme for a degree with a major in either English or History.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for three years⁵.
- 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 and progress;⁶ and
 - c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The scholarship was established in 1925 at Canterbury University College by the trustees of the estate of Lissie Rathbone, who had bequeathed one half of her residuary estate for such charitable, educational, or religious objects as the trustees should select. The trustees established similar scholarships at the other colleges of the University of New Zealand⁷.

Rā whakaae | Approval date: March 2025

Tuhinga i mua | Previous versions: January 2005; April 2018; December 2019

Tohutoro | Reference: 94514:5860:0:0:2

Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ For the territory of Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha | Environment Canterbury see <https://canterburymaps.govt.nz/>

² For the University's definition of *gap year*, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms>

³ <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships>

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 Recipients must be enrolled continuously in an eligible programme of study with suspensions of studies not typically approved, 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 .

⁶ 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>

⁷ Lissie Rathbone scholarships are available at the University of Otago, the University of Canterbury, Victoria University of Wellington, and the University of Auckland. The governing bodies of each of these universities shall be empowered to arrange for the transfer of any Lissie Rathbone scholar from one such university to another, and to make accordingly appropriate financial adjustments.