

Ngau Boon Keat Postgraduate Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	1 November
Whaipanga Value	\$25,000 per annum
Wā roanga Tenure	For up to 120 points of enrolment for master's students and for up to 360 points of enrolment for PhD students
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	There may only be one holder of the scholarship at any one time
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programme[s] during tenure	Part-time or full-time enrolment in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University in a programme for a Master of Engineering degree, a Master of Engineering Studies degree, or a doctoral degree.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports postgraduate students in Mechanical Engineering at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must intend part-time or full-time enrolment in a programme for a Master's of Engineering degree, a Master's of Engineering Studies degree, or a doctoral degree in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website¹ by 1 November.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

4.1 One scholarship is usually available annually. There may only be one holder of the scholarship at any one time

4.2 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- Tan Sri Dr Ngau Boon Keat (or nominee); and
- The Associate Dean (Engineering and Forestry) (or nominee); and
- The Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering (or nominee); and
- A representative of the University of Canterbury Foundation.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
- academic achievement;
 - the quality of the institution and programme pertaining to the candidate's qualifying degree(s); and
 - the candidate's prior relevant research experience, research publications, and other outputs.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship is offered.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$25,000 per annum for up to 120 points of enrolment for master's students or up to 360 points of enrolment for PhD students.
- 6.2 For a part-time student the values of the instalments of the stipend payments, and the duration of a scholarship, are proportionate to the student's study workload.
- 6.3 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account in monthly instalments.
- 6.4 Payment commences as soon as practicable after acceptance of an offer of the scholarship and confirmation of enrolment in a relevant programme.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 Every recipient not already enrolled in an applicable master's or doctoral programme should normally be enrolled in such a programme by 1 June in the year following the year of application. A recipient who is unable to enrol by the applicable deadline must seek permission from the Dean of Postgraduate Research (in the case of doctoral students) or the Associate Dean (Engineering and Forestry) (in the case of master's students) to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without this permission, the award will be withdrawn.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable for part-time or full-time enrolment in a master's or PhD degree in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for up to 120 points for master's enrolment and up to 360 points of enrolment for PhD enrolment.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other award.
- 7.5 If it is necessary for their research, recipients, with the permission of the Dean of Postgraduate Research (in the case of doctoral students) or the Associate Dean (Engineering and Forestry) (in the case of master's students), may retain the scholarship while carrying out research for specified periods outside the University of Canterbury.
- 7.6 Recipients must inform the Scholarships Office immediately if they suspend, complete, or otherwise cease their enrolment in the programme for which the scholarship was awarded.²
- 7.7 If a recipient suspends enrolment in the applicable doctoral programme, a scholarship and associated payments are also suspended during this period. Suspension of the scholarship for longer than six months requires the approval of the relevant dean. If the recipient does not resume the programme of research within one month of the end of any approved suspension period, the scholarship is terminated.
- 7.8 Following thesis submission, any remaining stipend is paid, up until the examination process is complete.
- 7.9 The scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered if, during tenure, the recipient does not:
- maintain an enrolment that meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2;
 - maintain satisfactory academic engagement;³ and

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

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

This scholarship was established in 2016 thanks to the generosity of distinguished Malaysian alumnus Tan Sri Dr Ngau Boon Keat. Tan Sri Dr Ngau grew up in Malaysia, and graduated from the University of Canterbury in 1971 with a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering. After working for Mobil Oil in Singapore, in 1975 he joined Malaysia's newly formed national oil and gas company, Petronas. Tan Sri Dr Ngau co-founded (in 1984), and is currently Executive Chairman of, Dialog Group, one of Malaysia's leading listed companies, which provides services to the oil, gas, and petrochemical industries around the world. With his wife Jean Ngau he co-founded the charity MyKasih, which provides food aid, health awareness and financial literacy programmes, children's education, and skills training programmes to less fortunate Malaysians. Tan Sri Dr Ngau was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering by the University of Canterbury in April 2012.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

² Scholarship payments will normally resume automatically when a student re-enrols after a period of suspension. If a scholarship recipient does not resume the programme of research within one month of the end of the approved suspension period, the scholarship will be terminated. In cases of suspensions greater than six months, including extensions of the suspension period, scholarship payments will not be reinstated unless approved by the Dean of Postgraduate Research (in the case of doctoral students) or the Dean of Engineering and Forestry (in the case of master's students).

³ 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/>.