

# Okamatsu–Kimura–Steven Family Scholarship

## Waeture | Regulations

### Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga Closing date</b>	31 March
<b>Whaipainga   Value</b>	\$2,000
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	One year
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	One
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure</b>	Full- or part-time undergraduate studies in one or more 200- or 300-level courses in Japanese language at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha   University of Canterbury.
<b>Herenga motuhake Special requirement</b>	Students who have lived in Japan are not eligible <sup>1</sup>

#### 1. Aronga | Purpose

The award supports travel to Japan, to enable the holder to advance their study of and acquaintance with the culture and people of Japan.

#### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Canterbury in one or more 200- or 300-level courses in Japanese language.

2.2 Applicants may not have lived in Japan.<sup>1</sup>

#### 3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>2</sup> by 31 March.

3.2 Applications are not accepted from previous recipients of the award.

#### 4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

4.1 One scholarship is available annually.

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

- the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee); and
- the Head of the Department of Global, Cultural and Language Studies (or nominee).

## 5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee considers the following, in descending order of priority:

- a. contribution to society and other people, including potential future contributions;
- b. leadership qualities;
- c. interest in Japanese culture and ability in Japanese;
- d. academic record and diligence; and
- e. proposed schedule of visits in Japan.

Preference is given to students studying Japanese language at 300-level who have not visited Japan.

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 \$2,000.

6.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account on production of evidence to the Scholarships Office that travel arrangements have been finalised.

## 7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

7.1 The travel to Japan must commence within 12 months of the date of the student's acceptance of the offer of the award.

7.2 The recipient must spend a minimum of two weeks in Japan.

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. not complete the nominated travel or appropriate alternative travel;
- b. maintain satisfactory academic engagement in their studies;<sup>3</sup> and
- c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

## 8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The scholarship was established from donations made in 1984 and later by Mr Yoshihisa Okamatsu of Kyoto, Japan. Dr Chigusa Kimura-Steven, a PhD graduate of the University and Head of the University's Department of Asian Languages, also contributed to the scholarship.

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**Tuhinga i mua | Previous versions:** September 2010; January 2020

**Tohutoro | Reference:** 96001:5860:960OKAMAT:0:2

## Pitopito kōrero | Notes

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<sup>1</sup> Having lived in Japan is defined as having spent one or more periods of more than three months' duration in that country.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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>