

Outstanding Impact Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	15 August
Whaipanga Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7,500 • The opportunity to participate in a UC-sponsored networking and development programme throughout a recipient's degree.¹
Wā roanga Tenure	One year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Up to 70
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment during tenure	First year of full-time study in an undergraduate degree programme at the University.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	<p>Applicants must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aotearoa New Zealand or Australian citizens; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas; <p>or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • international students² studying at secondary level in Aotearoa New Zealand.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This prestigious scholarship recognises students with strong academic abilities who are aiming for significant achievements in their chosen field of study or research. The scholarship aims to nurture high-achieving students via networking and development opportunities to progress their education at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury in innovative areas and make connections to advance their careers.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must have achieved Excellence at NCEA Level 2 or a corresponding level in an equivalent university entrance qualification. Applicants with NCEA Level 2 Merit or equivalent may be considered if they are regarded as excelling in a particular area of the selection criteria.

2.2 Applicants must not have been enrolled in a degree programme at any tertiary institute.³

2.3 Applicants must be:

- Aotearoa New Zealand or Australian citizens; or
- holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas; or
- international students¹ studying at secondary level in Aotearoa New Zealand.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website⁴ by 15 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 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 Director of Recruitment (or nominee); and
 - c. the Student Experience Manager (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives consideration to:
- a. commitment to creating positive change in the world through academic prowess⁵;
 - b. evidence of creativity and innovation;
 - c. evidence of implementation of a project or activity that demonstrates a passion for a particular topic or issue; and
 - d. strategic objectives of the University.
- 5.2 In any year, the number of Outstanding Impact Scholarships awarded to applicants from any one secondary school is limited to one for every 600 pupils enrolled at that school.
- 5.3 The selection committee may consider distribution amongst students in such a way that diversity of recipients, with regard to their UC faculties, schools, departments, and programmes, is supported.
- 5.4 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than scholarships available, fewer scholarships are offered.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$7,500. In addition, it provides an opportunity to participate in a UC-sponsored networking and development programme¹.
- 6.2 The scholarship is paid directly to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account as soon as practicable after:
- a. the final date, in the first semester of enrolment, on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course;⁶ 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 application.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable in the first year of full-time study in a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for one year.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with the following scholarships:
- a. Go Waitaha Canterbury Scholarship
 - b. UC Haupatu Scholarship
 - c. Empowerment Through Adversity Scholarship
 - d. UC Kaitoko Māori Scholarship
 - e. UC Kaitoko Pacific Scholarship
 - f. Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship

It is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.5 By accepting the award, recipients indicate that they are willing to engage in the UC-sponsored networking and development programme (see clause 6.1), where time permits.

7.6 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

c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules⁷.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The University established the scholarship in 2024 to replace the UC Horomata Scholarship.

Rā whakaae | Approval date: April 2024

Tuhinga i mua | Previous versions: N/A

Award Owner: Director of Recruitment

Tohutoro | Reference: 50579:XXXX:TBC.0.1

Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ The prestigious networking and development programme will include opportunities for:

- participation in a UC leadership programme in the 1st year of study.
- involvement in UC Centre for Entrepreneurship (UCE) events and business mentoring opportunities in 1st or 2nd year of study.
- engagement in selected Alumni speaker events.
- career development guidance and access to a relevant internship opportunity after the first year of study (work-integrated learning).
- participation in a selection of UC's industry-integrated MBA speaker events and mentoring opportunities in 3rd or 4th year of study.
- annual invitation to a Vice-Chancellor-hosted event.
- profiling in UC marketing campaign or similar promotion.
- targeted presentations on a range of UC experiences, such as international exchanges, career-focused seminars, and others.
- networking events with scholarship cohort twice a year for the duration of undergraduate study.

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

³ Participation in STAR courses, community education courses offered by tertiary institutions, orientation, or general interest programmes run by tertiary institutions for secondary school students does not preclude application for this award.

⁴ <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships>

⁵ Commitment to creating positive change in the world is aligned to UC's commitment to grow students who are prepared to make a difference. Positive change in the world can include cultural, economic, environmental, political, and/or social gains.

⁶ For the final dates on which students may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/admission-and-enrolment/enrolment-topics/enrolment-and-course-dates/change-of-enrolment-dates>.

⁷ For the University's definitions of satisfactory academic engagement with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/scholarship-glossary-of-terms>.