

Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	7 August
Whaipanga Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition fees for up to 135 points of enrolment per annum.¹ Participation in the Te Kakau a Māui Programme, a bespoke mentoring and development programme.
Wā roanga Tenure	Duration of a full-time undergraduate degree programme.
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	30
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure	Full-time enrolment in a programme for a three-year or four-year undergraduate bachelor's degree.
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 be eligible to receive StudyLink Student Allowance² and recipients must be in receipt of a Student Allowance. In the year of application, applicants must have attended school in the Canterbury region³.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports undergraduate students who demonstrate alignment to UC's commitment to producing students who are engaged, empowered, and prepared to make a difference. The scholarship aims to broaden the pool of students who receive financial support from the University, by recognising applicants with a demonstrated and significant commitment to creating positive change in the world.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.
- 2.2 Applicants must be eligible to receive StudyLink Student Allowance² and recipients must be in receipt of a Student Allowance.
- 2.3 In the year of application, applicants must have attended school in the Canterbury region.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website⁴ by 11:59 pm (NZT) on 7 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 30 scholarships are 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 Director of Student Wellbeing (or nominee); and
 - c. the Kaiwhakahaere Tartitari | Director of Recruitment (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to the following:
 - a. Commitment to creating positive change in the world, 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.
 - b. Engagement with the community who will benefit from the desired positive change in the world, aligned to UC's commitment to grow students who are engaged.
 - c. Personal resilience and fortitude necessary to complete an undergraduate degree, aligned to UC's commitment to grow students who are empowered.⁵
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships are offered.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship covers tuition fees for courses in an undergraduate degree programme, for up to 135 points of enrolment per annum during the academic year and the summer school period.¹ This includes the standard undergraduate course loading of 120 points, but it also allows for, in each year of tenure, the taking of one additional course (which must count towards the degree plan) or for a single resit.
- 6.2 In addition, it provides an opportunity to participate in the Te Kakau a Māui Programme, a bespoke mentoring and development programme, throughout a recipient's degree
- 6.3 The scholarship is paid to the recipient's University fees account in all the years that fees are payable by the recipient for the qualifying degree programme. If, in any year, a recipient is entitled to Fees Free, to receive a refund on their fees, or to receive an additional scholarship that pays tuition fees, that entitlement takes precedence in payment of a recipient's tuition fees.

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 application⁶.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable during a recipient's full-time enrolment at the University in a programme for an undergraduate bachelor's degree: up to three years in the case of three-year bachelor's programmes and up to four years in the case of four-year bachelor's programmes⁷.
- 7.3 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other experiential award that is funded by UC⁸. It is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.4 During tenure recipients are expected to satisfactorily engage with the academic support programme provided as part of the scholarship⁹.
- 7.5 If, during tenure, a recipient's enrolment no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2, the scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 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 engagement¹⁰ and progress;¹¹ and
- c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury established the scholarship in 2022 to mark the 150th anniversary of the University's establishment.

The scholarship's name, *Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship*, is inspired by the many feats and achievements that the Polynesian demi-god Māui achieved. Despite the trials and tribulations that Māui faced as the pōtiki amongst his siblings, his notoriety as a troublemaker, his superhero deeds, and the impact he had on society as a change-maker have been recorded in oral traditions right across the vast Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa Pacific Ocean. Many of the narratives of Māui and his deeds mention the different tools that he used, with a kakau (hafted handle of a toki) being one. Despite being just a handle, the kakau had other tools from a variety of materials lashed to it, based on the needs of Māui at the time. The kakau was so important to Māui that it has also been recorded in our night sky, with *Te Kakau a Māui* being one name associated with the constellation Orion.

In alignment with the wider narratives of the stars and navigation incorporated across Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, *Te Kakau a Māui Scholarship* was selected as an ideal name for the scholarship that commemorates the 150th anniversary of the founding of the University. Similarities can be drawn between Māui and many of our students, as well as between a kakau and a scholarship. Like Māui, many of our students will have to overcome trials and tribulations to achieve their dreams and aspirations. Some will be the first in their whānau to pursue tertiary studies. And a scholarship can be likened to a tool, such as a kakau, that enables students to achieve those dreams and aspirations. As opposed to giving students a set of exquisitely crafted tools to enable their success, providing a toki handle signifies the need for students to take ownership of their journey, to use it wisely, and, most importantly, to treat the scholarship as a hand-up, not a hand-out.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ The scholarship does not cover other costs, such as the Student Services Levy. The scholarship also does not cover double degrees but covers single or conjoint degrees.

² Eligibility can be checked at <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/online-services/eligibility/index.html>.

³ *Canterbury* is defined here as the territory of the Canterbury Regional Council. See <https://www.lgnz.co.nz/local-government-in-nz/new-zealands-councils/>.

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

⁵ Academic achievement at school is not considered.

⁶ 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.

⁷ 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.

⁸ The experiential scholarships currently funded by UC are Outstanding Impact Scholarship, UC Kaitoko Māori Scholarship, UC Kaitoko Pacific Scholarship, Empowerment Through Adversity Scholarship, Go Waitaha Scholarship and UC Haupatu Scholarship.

⁹ Satisfactory engagement with the scholarship support programme is defined as:

- Connecting with the Success Coach a minimum of 2 times per term. This could be at any of the Whanaungatanga, Success or Careers sessions or additional 1-1 sessions and can include virtual attendance.
- Attending all whole cohort events on campus (up to 3 each year).

¹⁰ 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>.

¹¹ For the purposes of this scholarship, *satisfactory academic progress* is defined as achieving a passing grade for at least 90 points of courses per academic year in a programme for an undergraduate degree.