

# UC Business School First Year Scholarship for Excellence

## Waeture | Regulations

### Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga</b> Closing date	7 August
<b>Whaipainga   Value</b>	\$5,000
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	One year
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	Sixteen, of which four are reserved for students with whakapapa Māori, and two are reserved for Pacific students. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable enrolment during tenure</b>	Full-time enrolment in the first year of a programme for a BCom that includes at least 60 points from the BCom schedule.
<b>Herenga motuhake</b> Special requirements	Applicants must be Aotearoa New Zealand citizens or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.

#### 1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship recognises academic and extracurricular achievement of students in secondary education within Aotearoa New Zealand, and supports study in a programme for a BCom degree at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

#### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be Aotearoa New Zealand citizens or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.

2.2 Applicants must not have been enrolled in a degree programme at any tertiary institute.<sup>2</sup>

#### 3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>3</sup> by 11:59 pm (NZT) on 7 August.

#### 4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

4.1 Sixteen scholarships are available annually, of which four are reserved for students with whakapapa Māori, and two are reserved for Pacific students.<sup>1</sup>

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 Amo Matua, Umanga | Executive Dean of Business (or nominee).

## 5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
- quality of achievement in NCEA or an equivalent qualification;
  - leadership potential;
  - involvement in extracurricular activities, such as cultural or sporting activities;
  - involvement in community activities;
  - contributions to school activities;
  - career aspirations and choice of major subject(s); and
  - recommendations from referees.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer scholarships are offered.
- 5.3 A scholarship reserved for applicants with whakapapa Māori or for Pacific students may be reallocated to the general category if fewer offers of such a scholarship are accepted than there are scholarships available in that category.

## 6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$5,000.
- 6.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account as soon as practicable after:
- the final date, in a recipient's first semester of study, on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course;<sup>4</sup> and
  - confirmation of full-time enrolment in a programme of study 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<sup>5</sup>.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment in the first year of a programme for a BCom at the University, in courses totalling at least 60 points from the BCom schedule.
- 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:
- maintain an enrolment that meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2;
  - maintain satisfactory academic engagement<sup>6</sup>; and
  - adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

## 8. Whakamahuki | Background information

Te Kura Umanga | UC Business School established the scholarship in 2022. It partly replaces the UC College of Business and Law First Year Award for Excellence.

**Rā whakaae | Approval date:** March 2025

**Tuhinga i mua | Previous versions:** March 2022; June 2022; May 2024

**Tohutoro | Reference:** 23000:5860:0:0:1

## Pitopito kōrero | Notes

<sup>1</sup> For the University's definition of *Pacific student* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/scholarship-glossary-of-terms>.

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<sup>2</sup> 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 the award.

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

<sup>4</sup> 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>

<sup>5</sup> 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](mailto:scholarships@canterbury.ac.nz).

<sup>6</sup> For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/scholarship-glossary-of-terms>.