

UC Child Well-being Research Institute Project Doctoral Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	2 May 2025
Whaipainga Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NZ\$32,000 per 120 points of thesis enrolment.Tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate.
Wā roanga Tenure	The scholarships are tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Determined annually.
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure	Full- or part-time enrolment in Doctoral programmes at the University of Canterbury in conjunction with the Child Well-being Research Institute (CWRI)
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Recipients must be undertaking a doctoral research project in association with CWRI.

“Nurturing research excellence to support children’s holistic well-being”

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship supports students for study towards a research doctoral degree at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury in association with the CWRI.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Candidates must be eligible for admission to a doctoral programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.
- 2.2 Recipients may not already hold a research doctoral degree.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website¹ by 2 May 2025.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Scholarships will be made available as funds and circumstances permit.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by the CWRI on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Director of CWRI (or nominee);
 - b. the CWRI Manager (or nominee);
 - c. at least one member from CWRI’s Leadership Team (or nominee); and
 - d. a representative of any co-funding organisation (as applicable)

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives consideration to:
 - a. academic achievement;
 - b. likelihood of success in the applicant's research project.
 - c. ability to contribute to the work of the CWRI; and
 - d. Fit with the strategic themes and strands of the CWRI.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, then fewer are awarded.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of NZ\$32,000 per 120 points of thesis enrolment. In addition to the stipend, the scholarship covers tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate. A scholarship does not directly cover the Student Services Levy, medical insurance, or accommodation.
- 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 stipend is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, in monthly instalments. Fees payments are made directly to a recipient's fees account.
- 6.4 The first stipend payment is made as soon as practicable after the recipient has accepted a scholarship offer, completed enrolment in the applicable doctoral programme, and begun study in the thesis component of such a programme.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 The scholarship must be taken up within six months of the date of offer of the scholarship.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable by full-time and part-time students engaged in study for a research doctoral degree at the University in association with the CWRI.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other stipendiary doctoral scholarship funded by the University. With the permission of the CWRI Manager, but not otherwise, the scholarship may be co-tenable with any other award. In granting such permission, conditions on a recipient's co-tenure may be imposed, such as reducing the amount of the stipend associated with this scholarship.
- 7.5 Recipients must inform the University's Scholarship Office immediately if they suspend, complete, or otherwise cease their enrolment in an applicable doctoral programme.
- 7.6 If a recipient suspends enrolment in the applicable doctoral programme, the scholarship and associated payments are also suspended. Scholarship payments normally resume automatically upon re-enrolment. In cases of suspensions of greater than six months, including extensions of the suspension period, reinstatement requires the approval of the CWRI Manager. If the recipient does not resume the programme of research within one month of the end of the approved suspension period, the scholarship is terminated.
- 7.7 Following thesis submission, tenure of the scholarship and associated payments cease.
- 7.8 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 progress;² and
 - c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The scholarship was established in 2020 to support the work of the Child Well-being Institute at the University of Canterbury. The overall aim of the institute is to advance high quality, multidisciplinary research to enhance the learning success and healthy well-being of children and young people. The focus is holistic, including research related to infants, children, and adolescents within the context of their whānau, family and community.

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Previous versions: March 2022

Award owner: CWRI Manager

GL Code: TBC for each recipient as funding sources vary.

¹ <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships>

² Academic progress is detailed in the Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/regulations/academic-regulations/phd-36/>). For the University's definitions of satisfactory academic engagement with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/getting-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms>.