

UC International First Year Scholarship

Regulations

Key Information

Closing dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 August (for those international students who are studying in New Zealand at that date)• 31 October (for those international students who are studying overseas at that date)• 15 April
Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$20,000 or• \$15,000 or• \$10,000
Tenure	One year
Number available annually	Up to twenty-five
Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment in a first year of a programme for an undergraduate degree.
Special requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recipients must be full-fee-paying international students.¹• Applicants may not be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. citizens of New Zealand or Australia;b. Permanent Residents of Australia; orc. holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

1. Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports top-achieving international students commencing an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Canterbury.

2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Recipients must be full-fee-paying international students.¹

2.2 Applicants may not be:

- a. citizens of New Zealand or Australia;
- b. Permanent Residents of Australia; or
- c. holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

2.3 Applicants must be completing, or have completed on or after 1 January of the year before the year of application, a university entrance-level qualification that permits entry into a University of Canterbury undergraduate degree programme.² Such students who are undertaking, or have completed, a programme at the UC International College are eligible to apply.

2.4 Applicants, by the closing date for the round in which they are applying (15 August or 31 October or 15 April), must have applied for admission to the University.³

2.5 The scholarship is not tenable by students who have already undertaken partial study in an undergraduate degree programme at a New Zealand tertiary institution.⁴

3. Selection process

3.1 Up to twenty-five scholarships of are available annually.

3.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
- b. the Director, Student Services and Communications (or nominee);
and
- c. another member of the University staff.

4. Selection criteria

4.1 In making its recommendation for an award and its value, the committee considers:

- a. quality of achievement in a programme of study as defined in clause 2.3 (and note 2);
- b. character, and evidence of leadership potential and of involvement in cultural, sport, and/or community activities;
- c. financial circumstances; and
- d. strategic objectives of the University.

4.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer awards are made.

5. Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website⁵ by the following dates:

- 15 August (for those international students who are studying in New Zealand at that date);
- 31 October (for those international students who are studying overseas at that date);
- 15 April.

6. Tenability

6.1 The scholarship is tenable for full-time enrolment in the first year of a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.

6.2 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance to a value of \$20,000, \$15,000, or \$10,000.

7.2 The scholarship is paid to a recipient's tuition fees account at the time of enrolment in a programme as specified in clause 6.1.

8. Conditions of acceptance

8.1 Students who apply for the scholarship in April must take up the scholarship in the year of application. Students who apply for the scholarship in August or October must take up the scholarship in the year following the year of application.

8.2 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.

8.3 By accepting the award, recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance, and indicate that they are willing to engage in University community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as University ambassadors, and being involved with University publicity as appropriate.

8.4 In the event of a recipient's withdrawal, during tenure of the scholarship, from a programme of study as specified in clause 6.1, the scholarship is withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.

8.5 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Background information

The University of Canterbury established the scholarship in 2012.

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¹ If, during the tenure of a scholarship, a recipient's immigration status changes so that he or she is no longer a full-fee-paying international student, and thereby obtains a partial refund of academic fees from the University, the scholarship is withdrawn, and any scholarship money paid since the status change was recorded at the University is refunded to the University.

² University entrance-level qualifications that permit entry into a University of Canterbury undergraduate degree programme may be from secondary schools, pre-university institutions, universities, or other tertiary institutions. Home-schooled students are eligible. Programmes that qualify students for entry by Advanced Standing into the Second Professional year of a University of Canterbury BE(Hons) degree programme may be included. Applicants should check the "Admission with international qualifications" section of the University's "Admission and University Entrance" webpage, which specifies qualifying programmes by country: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/eligibility>.

³ International students who study at a New Zealand secondary school and who expect to gain university entrance via NCEA do not need to apply for admission. However, they do need to apply to enrol. Go to <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/?s=home> for information on how to enrol. Such students must gain university entrance by at least one week before the first day of Semester 1 in the first year of tenure.

⁴ Participation in STAR courses, community education courses offered by tertiary institutions, orientation or general interest programmes run by tertiary institutions for secondary school students, or programmes designed to prepare a student for entry into tertiary education (i.e. foundation programmes) does not preclude application for the UC International First Year Scholarship.

⁵ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>