

# The UC International First Year Scholarship (Offshore)

## Regulations

### Key Information

<b>Closing date</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 15 April</li><li>• 31 October</li></ul>
<b>Value</b>	\$15,000
<b>Tenure</b>	One year
<b>Number available annually</b>	Seven
<b>Applicable enrolment during tenure</b>	Full-time enrolment in a first year of a programme for an undergraduate degree.
<b>Special requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recipients must be full-fee-paying international students.<sup>1</sup></li><li>• Applicants may not be:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. citizens of New Zealand or Australia;</li><li>b. Permanent Residents of Australia; or</li><li>c. holders of New Zealand residence class visas.</li></ul></li></ul>

### 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.<sup>1</sup>

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, through an overseas institution or at the UC International College (UCIC), a university entrance-level qualification that permits entry into a University of Canterbury undergraduate degree programme.<sup>2</sup> Those studying at secondary level in New Zealand are not eligible.

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

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.<sup>3</sup>

### **3. Application process**

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>4</sup> by the 15 April or 31 October.

### **4. Selection process**

4.1 Seven scholarships are available annually.

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

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

### **5. Selection criteria**

5.1 In making its recommendations, the committee considers, in descending order of priority:

- 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.

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

### **6. Conditions of acceptance**

6.1 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.

6.2 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.

### **7. Value and payment schedule**

7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$15,000.

7.2 The scholarship is paid to the recipient's University tuition fees account at the time of enrolment in a programme as specified in clause 8.2.

### **8. Tenability and retention criteria**

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 October must take up the scholarship in the year following the year of application.

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

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

8.4 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 8.2, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

8.5 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic engagement<sup>5</sup> and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

### **9. Background information**

The University established the scholarship in 2020. It partly replaces the UC International First Year Scholarship, which the University established in 2012.

## Notes

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<sup>1</sup> If, during the tenure of a scholarship, a recipient's immigration status changes so that they are no longer a full-fee-paying international student and thereby obtain 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 Eligibility" webpage: <https://checkwhatyouneed.canterbury.ac.nz/home>.

<sup>3</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, 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 (Offshore).

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

<sup>5</sup> For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.