

UC Kaupeka Ture | Faculty of Law First Year Award for Excellence

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	7 August
Whaipanga Value	\$5,000
Wā roanga Tenure	One year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Nine, of which one is reserved for a student with whakapapa Māori, and one is reserved for a Pacific student. ¹
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment in a student's first year of a programme for an LLB that includes at least 45 points from the LLB schedule.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Applicants must be Aotearoa New Zealand citizens or holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship recognises academic and extracurricular achievement of students during their secondary education within Aotearoa New Zealand, and supports study in a programme for an LLB 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.²

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website³ by 11:59 pm (NZT) on 7 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Nine scholarships are available annually, of which one is reserved for a student with whakapapa Māori, and one is reserved for a Pacific student.¹
- 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 Amo Ture | Dean of Law (or nominee); and
 - c. a member of the academic staff currently teaching in a LAWS 100 course, such staff member to be nominated by the Amo Ture | Dean of Law.

Any nominee appointed under a. or b. above must be a continuing academic member of Te Kaupeka Ture | Faculty of Law.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee considers, in descending order of priority:
- academic achievement, as indicated by a minimum of an NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit or an equivalent standard of university entrance qualification;
 - leadership potential;
 - involvement in cultural and/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 Scholarships reserved for ākonga Māori (Māori students) and Pacific students are not reallocated if there is no suitable Māori candidate or no suitable Pacific candidate.

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;⁴ 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 application⁵.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment in a student's first year of a programme for an LLB at the University, in courses totalling at least 45 points from the LLB 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 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 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic engagement⁶ and adherence to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

Te Kaupeka Ture | Faculty of Law 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

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ 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>.

² 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.

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

⁴ 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..>

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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>.