

UC Takere Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	15 August 2024
Whaipainga Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">\$1,000, paid in fortnightly instalments of \$400 for the duration of the Takere Academy (5 weeks).Takere Academy, inclusive of free catered accommodation in a student hall of residence, for five weeks to assist the transition to university life.¹
Wā roanga Tenure	One year
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Up to 50
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure	First year of full-time study in an undergraduate degree programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury (UC).
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	<p>Recipients must have whakapapa Māori and/or Pacific², be enrolled for the 2025 year as a full-time, first-year student at UC.</p> <p>Recipients must commit to the Takere programme, including participation in the 5-week live-in academy programme (Takere) from Sunday 5th January - Friday 7th February 2025.</p>

1. Aronga | Purpose

The UC Takere Scholarship supports Māori and Pacific students to successfully transition and flourish in university study and life at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury. The award is based on reciprocity and commitment for the successful participants, as well as for the University.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must have whakapapa Māori and/or Pacific.
- 2.2 Applicants must not have been previously enrolled in a degree programme at any tertiary institute.
- 2.3 Applicants must meet minimum academic requirements (i.e., have NCEA Level 1 numeracy and Level 2 literacy credits) to ensure academic success in their chosen undergraduate programme of study.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website³ by 15 August 2024.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Up to fifty scholarships are available annually.
- 4.2 At least 20 are reserved for Māori, ten of which are reserved for those that whakapapa Ngāi Tahu.
- 4.3 At least 20 are reserved for Pacific.
- 4.4 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising of the following panelists:
 - a. Pou Whakarae of Kā Waimaero | Ngāi Tahu Centre (or nominee);
 - b. Kaihautū Ka Waimaero | Director UC Māori (or nominee);
 - c. the Director of Pasifika Development (or nominee); and
 - d. Kaiarataki Takere | Takere Lead (or nominee)
 - e. Programme Director Kia Angitu

In forming the committee it should be ensured that there is representation of at least one Pacific and one Māori staff representative on the selection panel.

- 4.5 Students who meet the eligibility criteria will be shortlisted based on their online application. Shortlisted students will then be required to attend an interview with their whānau/ aiga.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives consideration to the following criteria:
 - a. commitment to the UC Takere Academy & Programme
 - b. Aspiration and goals, particularly to Māori development (within whānau, hapū, iwi or community) and/ or the development of Pacific peoples, and the aspirations of their communities;
 - c. Demonstration of personal resilience as relevant to the perseverance required to complete tertiary qualification;
 - d. Demonstrated commitment to cultural, community enhancement and engagement;
 - e. Academic background; and
 - f. Whānau/ aiga background.
- 5.2 If there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than scholarships available in each of the reserved categories, the selection committee may choose to redistribute the awards made to each category or to make fewer awards.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 Recipients are required to participate in the 5-week live-in Takere Academy from 5th January-7th February 2025. During this Academy scholarship recipients are provided with financial assistance up to the value of \$1000, paid as a fortnightly allowance (stipend) of \$400, along with free accommodation and catering. In addition to participating in a range of academic, social and cultural activities, recipients will also complete a 15-point 100-level UC course as part of the Academy which could contribute to their degree. Depending on eligibility, this course may be fees-free.
- 6.2 Guidance for whānau/aiga of recipients on how best to support their child at university.

- 6.3 Recipients will be expected to participate in ongoing social, cultural and academic activities and compulsory workshops throughout the academic year.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable for the 5 weeks of enrolment in the Takere Academy and throughout the first year of full-time study in a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.
- 7.3 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.4 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2, the scholarship may be withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 7.5 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on the completion of the academy programme and satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules. Continuation is also conditional on students following and adhering to the Takere Kawa and Tikanga of the Takere Academy and programme, and includes participating in tailored workshops, events and activities throughout the year.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

E kore e ngaro, he takere waka nui.

We will never be lost; we are the hull of a great canoe.

The programme name is taken from a whakataukī originating from the great tipuna, Kupe, who is acknowledged in Māori and Pacific narratives across Aotearoa and Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa, the Pacific Ocean. Kupe is acknowledged as one of our early Pacific explorers who alongside his wife, Kuramārōtini, discovered Aotearoa. As experts in ocean way-finding and equipped with all the essential supplies stored in the hull of their vessel, Kupe and Kuramārōtini read the winds, stars and applied their wider environmental knowledge to make safe passage across the Pacific in search of a new land for future generations.

In line with this narrative of navigation and exploration, the 'takere' is the hull of a canoe. With a strong, sturdy hull filled with the necessary resources needed for a voyage, a voyaging waka is equipped to traverse the ocean safely. Just as the hull of a waka holds important cargo for a long journey, the Takere programme ensures that first-year ākonga will collect the provisions needed for their own journeys of learning at UC in order to reach their final destination of academic achievement and success as young Māori and Pacific. Takere aims to develop the skills and confidence Māori and Pacific students need to transition and navigate the university landscape, while strengthening their connection as a cohort.

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Award owner: Kā Waimaero | Ngāi Tahu Centre

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ Subject to active participation and engagement within established Takere Tikanga and Kawa of the programme.

² For the purposes of the Takere Scholarship, Pacific refers only to the indigenous peoples of islands in the Pacific and does not include non-indigenous Pacific nationals.

³ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/