



## The Noni Wright Postgraduate Scholarship in Theatre Studies

Established by the University Council in association with the Guardian Trust in 2011 to provide support for Theatre Studies students to pursue postgraduate study. The scholarship was made possible by a generous endowment from the late Mrs Eleanor Wright, to honour the memory of her daughter Noni Wright, who was well known in drama circles, and had appeared on programmes for the BBC.

### *Eligibility*

The scholarship is open to both domestic and international students. Applicants must be currently enrolled or intending to enrol for full-time study at the University of Otago in the year following the closing date, for the degree of MA or MFA in Theatre Studies, or for a PhD researching a topic in Theatre Studies.

### *Application Process*

Applicants are required to submit an application form and a copy of their academic record and/or CV to the Doctoral and Scholarships Office, by the specified closing date.

### *Selection Process*

The Selection Committee, consisting of the coordinator of the Theatre Studies programme, in the Chair, the Head of the Alumni Relations Office, or their nominees, and a further academic staff member from the Theatre Studies programme, shall consider the following factors in recommending the award of the scholarship:

- ♦ Demonstrated academic ability
- ♦ The applicant's potential for, or record of, research

If there are two candidates of equal merit in any one year, the award may be shared.

### *Financial Arrangements*

The scholarship, currently valued at \$5000, may be received as a tuition fee waiver or as a stipend paid in instalments across the course of the year. If the student withdraws from full-time study, all payments will cease.

### ***Tenure***

- ♦ The scholarship is for one year only. However, a scholarship holder will be eligible to re-apply in their second or subsequent year of study for the award.
- ♦ The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it was awarded.
- ♦ The scholarship may be held concurrently with another scholarship.

### ***Other Requirements***

The scholarship recipient must:

- ♦ Be admitted and enrolled for the MA, MFA or PhD as specified in the eligibility requirements.
- ♦ Provide a brief report to Alumni Relations Office on their year's study progress in November of the year of the award.
- ♦ Agree to reasonable requests from the University of Otago to appropriately represent the University and the scholarship.