Home Science Alumnae/Todhunter/Carpenter Award

In 1967 the Association of Home Science Alumnae of New Zealand established an educational trust fund to support overseas postgraduate study in Home Science subjects. The fund included book royalties and donations from graduates.

The Association of Home Science Alumnae was wound up in 1991 and remaining funds were vested with the Education Trust Fund of the Association. Since then two bequests have been added to the capital, from Dr E. Neige Todhunter, a Home Science graduate who became Professor and Dean of the School of Home Economics at the University of Alabama; and Miss Emily Carpenter, whose work and interests included University Extension, the NZ Consumer Council, and the International Federation of Home Economics, particularly the Pacific region.

These funds have now been vested with the University of Otago Foundation Trust to provide awards to Consumer and Applied Sciences graduates to undertake or continue postgraduate study in one or more of the five major subjects of Consumer and Applied Sciences at the University of Otago. Contributors to the Education Trust Fund of the former Association of Home Science Alumnae and the University of Otago are pleased to offer these awards to promote, encourage, and facilitate postgraduate study in Consumer and Applied Sciences at the University of Otago.

Eligibility
All applicants must:
- hold a degree in Consumer and Applied Sciences (BCApSc or BCApSc(Hons) or MCApSc) from the University of Otago and/or be of Pacific Island descent with existing qualifications which would allow entry to postgraduate study in Consumer and Applied Sciences, and
- be enrolled or intending to enrol for postgraduate study at the University of Otago in either the first or second year of a Masters degree in Consumer and Applied Sciences (MCApSc); a Postgraduate Diploma in Consumer and Applied Sciences (PGDipCApSc); or a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in one of the five major subjects in Consumer and Applied Sciences.

The applicant’s academic ability, career goals, and personal qualities pertinent to their proposed course of study will be the primary criteria by which recipients are selected.
**Additional Income**
This award may not be held concurrently with any other where the total would exceed the value of a University of Otago Postgraduate Scholarship for the programme concerned without prior approval of the Selection Panel.

**Value**
The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in a Consumer and Applied Sciences major subject scholarship is currently set at $17,000 per annum, plus full time fees and conference funding of $3,000 per annum. These amounts will be reviewed from time to time. Payment will be made only on confirmation of acceptance and enrolment in the proposed course of study.

The Masters thesis in Consumer and Applied Sciences (MCApSc, Thesis) award is currently set at $10,000 per annum, plus full time fees, and is reviewed from time to time. Payment will be made only on confirmation of acceptance and enrolment in the proposed course of study.

The Postgraduate Diploma (PGDipCApSc) and the first year of Masters (MCApSc, coursework) in Consumer and Applied Sciences award are currently set at $5,000 per annum, plus full time fees for CApSc subjects, and are reviewed from time to time. Payment will be made only on confirmation of acceptance and enrolment in the proposed course of study.

Award/s will be made each year at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

**Tenure**
Tenure of The Home Science Alumnae Todhunter Carpenter Award varies according to the programme in which the students are enrolled:

A postgraduate student enrolled in the Postgraduate Diploma in Consumer and Applied Sciences (PGDipCApSc) may hold the award for a period of one year.

A postgraduate student enrolled in a Masters degree in Consumer and Applied Sciences (MCApSc) may hold the award for a period of up to two years, one year for coursework and one year for thesis. A student awarded the coursework award is automatically continued for the thesis award providing that satisfactory progress is made in the first year.

A postgraduate student enrolled in a PhD in a Consumer and Applied Sciences major subject may hold the award for a period of up to three years, providing that satisfactory progress is being made.

In each case, if study is to be undertaken on a part-time basis the award will be made on a pro-rata basis, with the express permission of the Selection Panel.
Each award will normally be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.

It is expected that at least one Diploma or Masters award is given in any year. The PhD scholarship will be offered when funding allows.

**Requirements**
The award holder must submit a report on the year’s activities to the Postgraduate Scholarships Officer by 1 December.

**Publicity**
The University of Otago reserves the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. The award holder must agree to be available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University of Otago.

**Application**
The applicant must submit:

- a certified copy of the academic record
- evidence of eligibility for enrolment in Consumer and Applied Sciences postgraduate study
- a short curriculum vitae
- a statement (max two pages) written by the applicant outlining their intended area of study and future plans
- a signed statement that the applicant is of Pacific Island descent if the applicant is applying under the Pacific Island criterion.

Applicants may be required to attend an interview with the selection panel, either in person, by teleconference or by telephone, and the University will meet reasonable expenses associated with participation.

Application documents must be sent to the Postgraduate Scholarships Administrator, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin **no later than 1 November in the year preceding the proposed year of study**.

The selection panel consists of the following members or their nominees, with the Chair of the selection panel being a member of the staff of the University of Otago:

- Two members of the Consumer and Applied Sciences Academic Board
- Two University of Otago Home Science or CApSc Alumni
- Postgraduate Scholarships Officer (Advisory Panel Member)