University of Otago Alumni Appeal Scholarships

Alumni and friends of the University of Otago have gifted funds to provide scholarships for high calibre students to attend the University of Otago. From 2012 these scholarships are offered to students who have demonstrated academic ability and who can show financial need. In addition to the general University of Otago Alumni Appeal Scholarship, specific alumni-funded scholarships are available to students intending to study in particular subject areas.

Eligibility

Applications are open to intending students who are:

- New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
- Intending to enrol for full-time undergraduate study at the University of Otago for the first time in the year following the closing date.

Application Process

Every applicant must:

- Submit an application to the University of Otago Doctoral and Scholarships Office by the specified closing date.
- Provide, in the specified format, a declaration of personal and parental assets and income.
- Arrange for a reference from their School Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principal, Year 13 Dean or equivalent, to be forwarded to the University of Otago Doctoral and Scholarships Office by the required date.
- Attach to their application form, or authorise access to, their most recent results in NCEA or equivalent.

Selection Process

The Selection Committee consisting of the Head of Alumni Relations, in the chair, the Alumni Relations Campaign Officer, the Manager of Doctoral and Scholarships and the Head of Schools’ Liaison, or their nominees, shall consider the following factors in recommending the award of the scholarships:

- Academic ability (a minimum of NCEA Level 2 awarded with merit, or equivalent, is required for consideration).
- Financial need.
- Potential and motivation to succeed at university.

In addition to these primary criteria, the Committee may also give consideration to life circumstances which present significant barriers to studying at university.
Criteria for the selection of specific named Alumni scholarships are as above, however any award may be subject to the recipient meeting enrolment conditions for studying in the specified subject area (as detailed in the letter of offer). The Dean or Head of Department associated with the specified subject area shall also be consulted as part of the selection process.

**Financial**

- The scholarship, currently valued at $5000, is normally received in the form of reduced Residential College fees and/or tuition fees for the first year of study at the University of Otago. Scholars whose normal place of residence is outside Dunedin are guaranteed placement in a Residential College for their first year of study, though the University does not guarantee placement at the recipient’s first choice of Residential College.

**Tenure**

- The Scholarship will be for the first year of study only.
- The Scholarship will usually be taken up in the year for which it is awarded; however students may apply in writing to the Manager, Doctoral and Scholarships Office, for permission to defer starting the scholarship for up to one year. Deferrals will not usually be granted where a recipient is proceeding to study at another tertiary institution prior to taking up the scholarship.
- The University of Otago Alumni Appeal Scholarship may be held concurrently with the University of Otago Dux Scholarship, but in such cases the remuneration for the Dux Scholarship will not be paid. The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship valued at more than $3,000.

**Other Requirements**

Each Scholarship recipient must:

- Obtain entrance to the University.
- Agree to reasonable requests from the University of Otago to appropriately represent the University and the scholarship.

**Schedule of Specific Alumni-funded Awards**

In addition to the general University of Otago Alumni Appeal Scholarship, eligible applicants may also elect to be considered for the following related scholarship:

- University of Otago Law Alumni Scholarship – for students studying first year Law.