



*The University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka  
Richard and Diana Somerville Pacific Entrance Scholarship*

*Established in 2022 from a generous gifting of funds from Richard and Diana Somerville, this Scholarship supports indigenous Pacific students to undertake first-year undergraduate studies at the University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka.*

***Application Process***

Every applicant must submit an Entrance Scholarship application through the University's student management system (eVision) by 15 August in the year prior to enrolment. If no suitable applicant is found the due date of submission of applications may be extended.

Applications will be open to students who are normally eligible for the University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarships. In the Entrance Scholarship application, applicants are encouraged to complete the Pacific section.

***Selection Process***

The selection panel, consisting of the members of the Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarship selection panel, along with input from staff in the Development and Alumni Relations Office, or their nominees, shall consider the following factors in awarding the scholarship:

- ♦ Academic ability (a minimum of NCEA Level 2 awarded with merit, or equivalent, is normally required for consideration).
- ♦ Life circumstances which present significant barriers to studying at university.
- ♦ Potential and motivation to succeed at university.

***Financial arrangements***

- ♦ The value of the scholarship is \$14,000 with a one-year tenure.
- ♦ For those accepting a place in a Residential College or University Flat, it will be paid as an accommodation fee waiver, paid directly to your Residential College (the scholarship is not able to be used for payment or part-payment of Residential College placement, deposit, activity or equivalent fees due prior to studying).

- ♦ For those living in the local community (boarding, flatting or living at home), it will normally comprise of a payment, firstly towards tuition and student services fees, if applicable. Any remaining balance will be paid to the recipient's bank account in two lump-sum payments in May and September.

### *Scholarship terms and conditions*

In addition to the standard Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship terms and conditions the following provisions apply:

- ♦ Recipients will be required to verify their indigenous Pacific Island ancestry in order to be eligible for this scholarship. No payment of the scholarship will be made until the verification is completed.
- ♦ Recipients are required to write or record a message of thanks to the donors. Payment of the scholarship may be withheld until the message is received by the Development and Alumni Relations Office to pass on to the donors.
- ♦ This scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship at the discretion of the selection panel.