

Pacific Bridging Scholarships

For intending postgraduate students

Division of Humanities

The Division of Humanities at the University of Otago is offering a number of Bridging Scholarships for indigenous Pacific students in 2027. These awards are designed to encourage graduating indigenous Pacific students to proceed to their **first year of taught postgraduate study** in Humanities.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

- \$10,000 plus a fee rebate to the value of domestic fees for one year (international fees over this value will need to be paid).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 1) Applicants must be indigenous Pacific students with a bachelor's degree who will be enrolling for their **first year of taught postgraduate study** in an honours, postgraduate diploma or coursework master's qualification in Humanities. The qualification must include a research component of between 40 and 60 points, or an equivalent course of study, such as the first year of a two-year master's qualification.
- 2) Applicants can be enrolled for a full-time, part-time, on-campus or distance programme taught in the Division of Humanities.
- 3) Applicants must have a B average GPA. See otago.ac.nz/study/studentexchange/exchange_gpa
- 4) Applicants must be a New Zealand resident or resident of a Pacific Islands country.

APPLICATIONS FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS CLOSE ON FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026.

IF SHORTLISTED, YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS. DATES WILL BE EMAILED TO APPLICANTS ON RECEIPT OF APPLICATION.

SELECTION PROCESS

- A selection panel will review all applications that are received by 4:30pm on the closing date,
- Interviews will comprise of four to five set questions around your research interests, community involvement and research impact, and free exchange.
- Scholarship recipients will be selected and notified in writing by the Scholarships Office towards the end of December.

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- Successful recipients must agree to assist the Division of Humanities as required with student support initiatives and promotion.
- The Division of Humanities has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship for any behaviour that brings the Division or University into disrepute, whether before or during the scholarship period.

They can also be found at: otago.ac.nz/humanities/forms

For further information, contact Pacific Student and Community support

Email: pacificsupport.humanities@otago.ac.nz

Or check out otago.ac.nz/humanities/forms