

2024



EQ Scholarship Programme

WHA1 Physics

Support through JumpSTART and Biological Physics (PHSI 191)

About this scholarship

The WHA1 Physics Scholarship is co-ordinated by the Raukaha Health Workforce Development Unit's EQ programme at the University of Otago. The EQ WHA1 Physics Scholarship is intended to support students who have had limited academic access or exposure to physics during secondary school.

This scholarship supports students undertaking JumpSTART Physics prior to enrolling in Biological Physics (PHSI 191) as part of the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) programme.

WHA1 Physics scholarships cover:

- Tuition fees for the University of Otago JumpSTART Physics course.
- Residential college accommodation for the duration of the JumpSTART course (3 weeks).
- Additional resources, tutorials and academic support for the PHSI 191 paper.

WHA1 Physics Scholarship recipients will be required to attend a mihi whakatau in recognition of their award.

Raukaha/EQ staff will meet with individual recipients throughout the semester to provide support where needed. Recipients are expected to engage with the additional academic support provided as a condition of this scholarship.

About the JumpSTART Physics course

The purpose of this course is to provide students with the background knowledge and study skills necessary to confidently undertake the PHSI 191 Biological Physics paper at Otago. It is designed for students whose training in secondary school physics and mathematics is incomplete, having not taken Year 12 (NCEA Level 2) physics. Students undertaking this course will still need to meet the University's admission and entrance criteria in order to proceed to full credit study.

Eligibility criteria

Successful applicants must:

- Be a domestic student who attended a secondary school of Equity Index value (EQI)* 479 or greater for Years 11, 12 and 13 within the last five years.
- Show a commitment to pursue Health Sciences study and a career in health.
- Have met the entry requirements for the University of Otago JumpSTART Physics course.

** EQI values range between 344–569; a higher EQI number indicates schools where students face greater socioeconomic barriers. EQI values are listed [here](#) or you can ask your school for confirmation*

Application process

Students must submit a JumpSTART Physics application and enrol into the Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) to be considered for the scholarship.

[JumpSTART Physics online application](#)
[Apply to enrol at the University of Otago](#)

Contacts

WHA1 Physics Scholarship | Raukaha / EQ Team

For queries about the WHA1 Physics Scholarship EQ programme or application process, please contact EQ.project@otago.ac.nz

JumpSTART Physics

For information about the JumpSTART Physics course, contact the University of Otago, Department of Physics. Email: physics.office@otago.ac.nz

Accommodation

A university residential college provides accommodation for students over the Summer School period. Please see the Summer School [website](#) for details.

EQ Scholarship Programme – WHAI Physics application form

Applications close 15 November, 5pm. Submit your completed application to EQ.project@otago.ac.nz

Personal details

Name

Address

Mobile

Email

Gender

Ethnicity

Do you plan to enrol for the HSFY course?

Yes

No

Unsure

Personal statement

Please explain your interest in a career in health (150 words max)

What background in physics do you have?

Please provide details:

Result

Year

Year 13

Year 12

Year 11

Please explain how this scholarship will contribute to your academic goals and pursuits (150 words max)

Current Year 13 subjects

Please provide details:

Schools attended in Years 11, 12 and 13

Please provide details:

Privacy statement

The information requested in this application form and your academic record will be used for the purposes of assessing your application for the WHAI Physics Scholarship. Information may also be used for statistical purposes. This potential use would aggregate data and not identify individual applicants.

I have read and understood the privacy statement above and agree to its conditions.

Declaration of applicant

I have read and understood the entry criteria, purpose, obligations and expectations of the WHAI Physics scholarship. I agree to abide by these.

I confirm all the information supplied in this form is true and correct.

I understand WHAI Physics scholarship applicants must also complete and submit a separate application for the University of Otago JumpSTART Physics programme.

I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of this application.