

2027



POPO Pacific Physics Scholarship

JumpSTART Physics

Support through JumpSTART Physics and Biological Physics (PHSI191)



About this scholarship

The POPO Pacific Physics Scholarship is run through the Pacific Islands Research & Student Support Unit (PIRSSU) at the University of Otago. The scholarship supports Pacific students to prepare for the PHSI191 Biological Physics paper, as part of Health Sciences First Year (HSFY). Designed to support Pacific students interested in a career in health, the Pacific Opportunities Programmes at Otago (POPO) Physics Scholarship provides access to the JumpSTART Physics programme, as well as continuous support through the PHSI191 paper and HSFY.

POPO Pacific Physics Scholarship covers:

- Tuition fees for the University of Otago JumpSTART Physics programme.
- Residential college accommodation for the duration of the JumpSTART course (3 weeks).
- Additional resources, tutorials and academic support throughout enrolment in PHSI191.

POPO Pacific Physics Scholarship staff will meet with individual recipients at key points throughout the semester to provide support where needed. Recipients are expected to engage in additional PHSI191 academic support available as part of the 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 PHSI191 Biological Physics paper at Otago. It is designed for students whose learning in secondary school physics and mathematics is incomplete, i.e., haven't achieved more than 14 credits in Level 2 NCEA Physics or haven't passed Sixth Form Certificate physics or science. Students undertaking this course will still need to meet the University's admission and entrance criteria in order to proceed to full credit study.

Criteria for the POPO Pacific Scholarship

Successful applicants must:

- Have Pacific Indigeneity.
- 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.

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

POPO Pacific JumpSTART Physics Scholarship | POPO Team

For any queries about this scholarship or application process, please contact the scholarship coordinator.

Email: popo@otago.ac.nz

JumpSTART Physics

For information about the JumpSTART Physics course, contact the Department of Physics, University of Otago.

Email: physics.office@otago.ac.nz

Accommodation

Accommodation for scholarship recipients will be provided at a designated residential college for the duration of the JumpSTART Physics course. Recipients will be notified of accommodation arrangements once the selection process is complete.

POPO Pacific Physics Scholarship – JumpSTART Physics application form

Deadline Sunday 15th of November 2026. Submit your completed application to popo@otago.ac.nz

Personal details

Name	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
Mobile	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>
Gender	<input type="text"/>

Optional: To which ethnic group(s) do you belong?

Ethnicity	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="text"/>

What background in physics do you have?

Please provide details:

	Result	Year
Year 13	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Year 12	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Year 11	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Current Year 13 subjects

Please provide details:

Current school attending

Please provide details:

Do you plan to enrol for the HSFY course?

Yes No Unsure

Personal statement

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

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

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 POPO Pacific 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 POPO Pacific Physics Scholarship. I agree to abide by these.

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

I understand POPO Pacific 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.