



## S & G Higgs Scholarship

*This scholarship is made possible by the generous gifting of funds by Stephen and Gail Higgs. The scholarship supports students who have a learning disability and takes into account personal circumstances and academic ability.*

### ***Application and award***

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 for submission of applications may be extended.

Applications will be open to students who are normally eligible for the University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Donna-Rose McKay Entrance Scholarships. Applicants will apply for this scholarship using the usual Entrance Scholarships process supplying information on their learning disability as distinct from a physical disability.

### ***Selection process***

The Selection Panel, consisting of the Manager Disability Information and Support, in the chair, the Director of Development and Alumni Relations Office and the Manager, Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships, or their nominees, shall consider the following factors in awarding the scholarship:

- ♦ Academic ability.
- ♦ The learning disability which makes studying at Otago a personal challenge.
- ♦ Potential and motivation to succeed at university.
- ♦ Financial need and life/personal circumstances which present barriers to studying at the University of Otago.

The donor will be advised of the recommendation of the selection panel and the circumstances of the recipient that align with the above factors.

Where no suitable applicant is found, no award shall be made.

### *Financial arrangements*

- ♦ The value of the scholarship is \$6,000 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 of \$6,000 in year one, paid directly to the Residential College or University Flat (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 \$6,000 in year one, 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.
  
- ♦ At the discretion and approval of the donor this scholarship may be awarded at a higher value and a longer tenure.