



The University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Dunedin City Council | kaunihera a-rohe o Ōtepoti Entrance Scholarship

Established in 2025 with funds from the Dunedin City Council | kaunihera a-rohe o Ōtepoti this scholarship provides financial support to students to undertake undergraduate degree study 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.

Selection Process

The selection panel, consisting of the Mayor of Dunedin, a current sitting member of the Dunedin City Council, a staff member from the Development and Alumni Relations Office and the Manager of Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships, 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).
- ♦ Potential and motivation to succeed at university.
- ♦ First consideration to be given to those who reside within the Dunedin City boundary.
- ♦ Intended programme of enrolment aligns with the field of study as selected by the Mayor.
- ♦ Selection of a recipient will be every three years coinciding with the year of the local body elections.

Financial arrangements

- ♦ The value of the scholarship is \$15,000 with a three-year tenure.
- ♦ Payment of the scholarship in year one will consist of \$5,000 paid as a contribution to accommodation fees for those accepting a place in a Residential College, or University Flat.

- ♦ For those living in the local community (boarding, flatting, or living at home), payment in year one will normally comprise of a payment, firstly towards tuition and student services fees, if applicable, then as a monthly stipend or lump sum.
- ♦ Payment of the scholarship in years two and three shall consist of \$5,000 in each year and normally paid first, towards tuition and student services fees if applicable, then as lump sums to the recipient. Payment is subject to satisfactory academic performance as outlined below.
- ♦ Tenure in years 2 and 3 normally requires a grade point average (GPA) of 5.0 or better for the previous year, or admission to and successful progression within one of University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka's professional programmes.

Scholarship terms and conditions

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

- ♦ Recipients must be enrolled in an appropriate programme in each year of tenure to align with field of study as selected by the Mayor.
- ♦ If a recipient changes their programme to no longer align to the chosen study area, it will be at the selection panels discretion to determine if the recipient can continue to receive the scholarship.
- ♦ Payment of this scholarship will only be made once a copy of a message of appreciation from the scholarship recipient to the donor has been received by the Development and Alumni Relations Office.
- ♦ Recipients must submit an end of year report to the Development and Alumni Relations Office, no later than 1 December in each year of tenure, detailing their activities and experiences of the past year.
- ♦ The University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka and Dunedin City Council | kaunihera a-rohe o Ōtepoti reserve the rights to use names, photographs and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. Scholarships holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka or Dunedin City Council | kaunihera a-rohe o Ōtepoti.
- ♦ 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.