

## Faculty of Biomedical Sciences Pacific Peoples' Postgraduate Scholarship

The aim of this scholarship is to support the development of Pacific biomedical researchers and help Pacific students to reach their full potential. The Faculty of Biomedical Sciences offers one Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship each year to support full-time study for a BSc Hons, BBiomedSc Hons, PGDipSci or 1<sup>st</sup> year of an MSc degree.

### ***Eligibility***

Applications are open to domestic or international students who:

- (a) meet the University's requirements for [indigenous Pacific ancestry verification](#); and
- (b) intend to enrol full-time in a 400-level postgraduate programme offered by the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences, with the primary supervisor a member of staff in one of the Faculty's Departments (Anatomy, Biochemistry, Microbiology and Immunology, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Physiology) or teaching programmes (Genetics, Neuroscience).

### ***Application Process***

All students must:

- Submit an application on the prescribed form to Student Administration (Scholarships) by the closing date specified, with appropriate documentation where required.
- Include an academic record if any previous study was in a tertiary institution other than the University of Otago.

### ***Selection Process***

The selection panel shall consist of the following members (or their nominees): the Head of the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences; the Associate Dean (Pacific) for Biomedical Sciences; an academic staff member appointed by the Head of Faculty; and the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards.

The selection panel shall consider the following factors in recommending awarding the scholarship:

- (i) The applicant's involvement in and commitment to Pacific Islands communities.
- (ii) The applicant's interest in and commitment to research.
- (iii) The applicant's academic ability.
- (iv) Any advice or recommendations sought from appropriate University staff.

The selection panel reserves the right not to award the scholarship in any given year.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome within two weeks of the closing date.

### ***Financial***

- The scholarship consists of \$7,500, to be paid towards a rebate of tuition fees, with any remainder to be paid directly to the student, normally as a monthly stipend evenly distributed across the nine months of study

***Tenure***

- (i) The tenure of the scholarship is for one academic year only.
- (ii) The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded.
- (iii) Part-time study is not normally permitted.
- (iv) If the recipient withdraws from the postgraduate programme within the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences during the tenure of the scholarship, all payments will cease.
- (v) Recipients of this scholarship are required to declare any other scholarships or awards received to support study for the same academic year, and in some cases the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences may adjust the level of payment to ensure equitable spread of support as widely as possible.
- (vi) The Faculty of Biomedical Sciences requests that successful applicants agree to the use of their name, photograph and general details in newsletters and for Faculty publicity.