



The Newick and Springford Scholarship

Established in 2021 by the University of Otago through generous support from PM and AR Springford, the Newick and Springford Scholarship supports students (particularly of Māori and/or Pasifika descent) studying medicine or dentistry who show aptitude and financial need during their studies.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- in their third, fourth or fifth year of study towards a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) or a Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) degree at the University of Otago.

Application Process

Every application for the Scholarship must be submitted to the Student Administration (Scholarships) at the University of Otago by the specified closing date.

Every applicant must submit:

- a completed application form
- an academic reference letter
- a statement of financial need (max 500 words) written by the applicant, and

Selection Process

The selection panel will include the Dean of the Otago Medical School, the Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, the Associate Deans Māori and Pacific (Health Sciences), the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards; and the Director of the Development and Alumni Relations Office, or their nominees.

The following factors shall be considered in selecting the Scholarship:

- academic merit
- evidence of financial need
- Māori and/or Pasifika descent.

The panel may require an interview with short-listed applicants for the Scholarship.

Financial

- The Scholarship will normally have a value of \$10,000 for living costs, and will comprise two equal payments made at the start of each semester.
- The selection panel shall determine the number and value of scholarships available each year.

Tenure

- Māori and Pacific applicants must have met or will meet the University's ancestry verification requirements to hold scholarship tenure.

- The Scholarship will normally be held for the equivalent of one full-time year, with full-time or part-time tenure.
- In cases of continued financial need, the Scholarship may be awarded for more than one year, pending satisfactory academic progress.
- The Scholarship must be taken up within one year of being awarded.
- The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship where its regulations also allow co-tenure.

Other Requirements

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago.
- The University of Otago reserves the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. The award holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University of Otago.
- The Scholarship holder must submit a report on the progress of their studies to the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards by 1 December of the year they hold the Scholarship.