



Otago Council Postgraduate Scholarship in Commerce

Established in 2023 by the University of Otago with funds from the Otago Council Trust, this scholarship was created to promote the economic, social and cultural welfare of the people of Otago by supporting University of Otago postgraduate Commerce students. Specifically, the scholarship targets master's degree students in coursework-only programmes whose studies advance or explore themes of development and expansion in Otago, in areas such as industry, trade, commerce, agriculture, pastoral, forestry, fishing, tourism, transport, communications, mining, energy, construction, economic and scientific development, employment opportunities and natural resources.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen who's last two years of secondary education were completed at a school in Otago;
- enrolled in a taught (coursework only) master's programme in the Division of Commerce at the University of Otago for the duration of the award, and in the semester of application be about to commence the research or applied project for that programme.

Students undertaking the papers year of a master's degree by thesis are ineligible to apply.

Application Process

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

- a cover letter explaining the applicant's financial need, and how their intended studies relate to the economic, social or cultural welfare of the people of Otago;
- a completed application form including, where applicable, the topic of the proposed dissertation or applied project component of the applicant's taught master's programme; and
- an academic record, if previous study was at a tertiary institution other than the University of Otago.

Selection Process

The Selection Panel will consist of the Associate Dean, Postgraduate Programmes (Division of Commerce); the Director, Development and Alumni Relations; and the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards, or their nominees.

The following factors shall be considered in awarding the scholarship:

- Academic ability of the applicant.
- Alignment of the applicant's proposed dissertation or applied project topic to the goals of the Otago Council Trust.
- The applicant's general financial position and other relevant life circumstances.

Financial

- The scholarship is valued at \$3,000 per year for full-time study, to be used towards tuition fees.
- The Selection Panel may award more than one scholarship in a year should trust funds so permit.
- The value of the scholarship may be reviewed from time to time.

Tenure

- The scholarship may be held with full-time or part-time tenure.
- 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 so allow.

Other Requirements

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.