

Dr Andrew Greer Excellence in Māori Health Research Scholarship

Established in 2021 by the University of Otago with support from a generous donation by the Greer family and friends, the scholarship is named after Dr Andrew Greer, a Consultant in the Intensive Care Unit at Christchurch Hospital who passed away suddenly in January 2019. Dr Greer, of Ngāti Kahungunu descent, had a particular interest in positive health outcomes for Māori.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a current undergraduate University of Otago Health Sciences student wishing to undertake an honours year, or pursue other programmes of post-graduate study
- a student, Māori or non-Māori, wishing to further their research in an area specific to Māori health and wellbeing. If the applicant is a junior doctor, it is not a requirement that they are a graduate of the University of Otago.

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 completed application form;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a statement outlining the applicant's proposed programme of research, including motivations for the project. The final research project for the successful recipient may be refined further to fit availability of supervision and other relevant academic or cultural considerations; and
- an academic reference letter.

Selection Process

The selection panel will include the Director of the Centre for Hauora Maori (Dunedin), or the equivalent in Christchurch (Māori/Indigenous Health Institute) or Wellington (Eru Pomare Centre); a representative appointed by Te ORA, Māori Medical Practitioners Association; Director of the Development and Alumni Relations Office (or their nominee); and the Manager Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards (or their nominee).

The following factors shall be considered in awarding the scholarship:

- academic performance in the years preceding application;
- other potential to conduct excellent research, as evidenced by research or relevant work positions held, publications, academic references;

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

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.
- One scholarship awarded annually or biennially, funds dependent.

Tenure

- The scholarship recipient will be supported and supervised by the Division of Health Sciences at either the Christchurch, Dunedin or Wellington campus.
- The scholarship may be held for the equivalent of one full-time year, 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 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 thank you letter to the Donor, along with a progress report, a copy of any final research or placement report, and a copy of any public presentation undertaken with support from the scholarship and with such other details of the use of the scholarship. The recipient will provide this information to scholarships@otago.ac.nz addressed to the Stewardship Officer, Development and Alumni Relations, for forwarding to the Donor.