

## Home Science Alumnae Todhunter Carpenter Award

*Established by the University of Otago in 2006 with funding generously provided by three benefactors. The principal donor was the Association of Home Science Alumnae of New Zealand, officially wound up in 1991 but with funds for charitable purposes already vested in an Education Trust Fund. The second donor was Dr E. Neige Todhunter, a Home Science graduate from the University of Otago who became Professor and Dean of the School of Home Economics at the University of Alabama. The third was Miss Emily Carpenter, whose work and interests included University Extension, the Consumers' Institute of New Zealand (now Consumer NZ), and the International Federation for Home Economics, particularly in the Pacific region.*

*The original purpose of this award was to support Consumer and Applied Sciences graduates to undertake or continue postgraduate study in any of the former principal disciplines of Consumer and Applied Sciences, with special provision in the eligibility criteria to encourage students of Pacific ancestry to apply. Although Consumer and Applied Sciences programmes were merged with Applied Sciences programmes in 2012, the primary objective of this award continues to be support for postgraduate study and research in current subjects previously taught within the Faculty of Home Science or School of Consumer and Applied Sciences.*

### **Eligibility**

Applicants for this award:

- May be a domestic or international student.
- Must EITHER
  - have completed a Bachelor's degree (including Honours) or a Master's degree from the University of Otago in one of the following disciplines:
    - Food Science (including Consumer Food Science)
    - Human Nutrition
    - Nutrition and Metabolism in Human Health
    - Sport and Exercise Nutrition
    - Social and Community Work
    - Clothing and Textile Sciences, or (since 2020) in subjects directly related to the study of clothing and textile sciences
    - Design (for Technology), or (since 2017) in subjects directly related to the study of Design (for Technology)
- OR
  - be of verifiable indigenous Pacific ancestry with qualifications from another tertiary institution that would allow entry to postgraduate study in any of the above disciplines.
- Must be enrolled (or planning to enrol) in their first or second year of study or research towards a Postgraduate Diploma, Master's degree or PhD degree in one of the above disciplines or study areas.

Note: In 2020, the University Council formally disestablished all Clothing and Textile Sciences specialisations, subjects and (CLTE) papers. However, where clothing- or textiles-related postgraduate study or research continues at the University, students undertaking such study or research may be eligible for this award.

Note: In 2017, the University Council formally deleted Design for Technology as a major subject for the Bachelor of Applied Science, and deleted Design as a minor subject. However, where design-related

postgraduate study or research continues at the University, students undertaking such study or research may be eligible for this award.

### ***Application Process***

Every application for this award 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 short, up-to-date curriculum vitae
- a short, written statement (max one page) outlining the reasons or motivations for undertaking their proposed course of study, and any (other) future study or vocational plans
- verification of indigenous Pacific ancestry if applying as a Pacific candidate, and
- a copy of their academic transcript for any previous study at another tertiary institution.

### ***Selection Process***

The Selection Panel will consist of the following (or their nominees): one member each nominated by the Associate Deans (Academic) for Sciences, Humanities, and Biomedical Sciences; the Director, Development and Alumni Relations; and the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards. Associate Deans will not be required to appoint a member to the Panel if there are no applications from students in their division.

The following factors shall be considered when assessing applications:

- the applicant's qualifying degree (subject area), and their academic ability and potential
- the applicant's career goals, and personal qualities pertinent to their proposed course of study
- the advice, recommendation and ranking of the Panel member for the relevant division, and
- whether the applicant has been granted any other scholarships or awards for the year of tenure.

Award(s) will be made each year at the discretion of the Selection Panel, and the Panel reserves the right to make multiple awards or no award (in each category) in any given year.

The Selection Panel may require an interview with short-listed applicants for this award.

### ***Financial***

- The value of the award per recipient, per annum, will normally be as follows:

#### **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

Full-time tuition fees, plus a stipend at the same rate offered to holders of a University of Otago Doctoral Scholarship

#### **Master's degree (Thesis)**

Full-time tuition fees (domestic rate), plus a stipend at the same rate offered to holders of a University of Otago Master's Research Scholarship

#### **Master's degree (Coursework)**

Full-time tuition fees (domestic rate)

#### **Postgraduate Diploma**

Full-time tuition fees (domestic rate).

- The stipend component (for PhD and thesis Master's students only) will consist of equal monthly instalments paid directly to the recipient.
- Conference funding may also be available to scholarship recipients, and this should be applied for by letter to the Selection Panel outlining the specifics and attendance costs of the proposed conference.
- Award funds will only be paid out on confirmation of acceptance and enrolment in the applicant's proposed course of study.

- The number and value of awards offered (in each category) each year will be determined by the Selection Panel, and will depend on both the quality of applications received and the level of funds available for disbursement.

### ***Tenure***

- Tenure will vary according to the applicant's programme of study, as follows:
  - Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** – up to three (3) years
  - Master's degree (Thesis)** – up to two (2) years
  - Master's degree (Coursework)** – up to two (2) years
  - Postgraduate Diploma** – one year only.
- Tenure of up to two or three years will be subject to a satisfactory progress condition.
- The award may be held with full-time or part-time tenure, with payments to recipients holding part-time tenure calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- The award must be taken up within one year of being granted, and tenure may be deferred only in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Selection Panel.
- Awards are normally made to candidates who are not recipients of other named awards of equivalent value. Notwithstanding this, the award may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship where its regulations also allow co-tenure, at the discretion of the Selection Panel.
- If the recipient withdraws from the postgraduate qualification, or changes their study discipline, the University of Otago reserves the right to request full or partial repayment of the award.
- Recipients may be granted the award more than once, provided any subsequent application relates to enrolment in a higher postgraduate qualification.

### ***Other Requirements***

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago.
- Award holders must submit a progress report on their year's activities by the end of the first year of tenure, to be sent via the Stewardship Officer DARO. For recipients awarded more than one year's tenure, continuation of the scholarship is conditional on receipt of a satisfactory annual progress report.
- 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.