



Dr Stella Cullington Postgraduate Scholarship in Ophthalmology

Established in 2014 by the Otago Medical School, and approved by the University Council in 2015, from a generous donation from Dr Stella Cullington. Dr Cullington is a medical graduate and practised as a GP in England and New Zealand.

The Dr Stella Cullington Postgraduate Scholarship in Ophthalmology was created to support the sustainability and development of Ophthalmology Research within the academic discipline.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be a NZ citizen or NZ permanent resident;
- hold a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees (MBCChB) or an equivalent medical degree;
- be enrolled or in the process of enrolling for a MOPhth or PhD at the University of Otago.

Application Process

A written application for the scholarship as well as the required documentation must be submitted to the University of Otago Scholarships Office.

Every applicant must submit:

- a completed application form
- a certified copy of their academic record (if from a Tertiary institution other than the University of Otago)
- evidence of eligibility for enrolment in postgraduate study
- a short Curriculum Vitae including evidence of appropriate research experience and information on any current awards held

Selection Process

The selection panel will comprise of an academic from the Ophthalmology Department and the Department of Medicine Research Committee.

They shall consider the following factors in selecting the scholarship:

- the applicant's academic ability;
- the applicant's proposed programme of research;
- the applicant's career goals and plans;
- the applicant's personal qualities;
- preference will be given to a student studying on the Dunedin campus.

Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview with the selection panel, either in person or by video-conference.

Financial

The scholarship is valued at up to \$5,000 per year for full-time study or up to \$2,500 per year for part-time study.

Eighty percent (80%) of the payment will be made at the commencement of the research, with the remaining twenty percent (20%) to be paid upon receipt of a satisfactory progress report to the Scholarships Office, within one year of award being made, indicating how the scholarship funding has been used.

The selection panel may award scholarships to a maximum value of \$5,000 per year.

The scholarship will only be awarded to one recipient at a time and so will only be offered to suitable candidates in such years as it is available.

The value of the scholarship may be reviewed from time to time.

Tenure

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

The scholarship must be taken up within one year of being awarded.

The University reserves the right to terminate the scholarship if the report is not received, or progress in the recipient's degree is deemed to be unsatisfactory.

The scholarship may be held concurrently with other awards, provided current awards are declared in the application for this scholarship.

Other Requirements

The recipient must acknowledge support of the Dr Stella Cullington Postgraduate Scholarship in Ophthalmology in any publication or presentation resulting from the scholarship either during or following its tenure.