



The Dr Stella Cullington Postgraduate Scholarship in Ophthalmology

Established in 2014 by the Faculty of Medicine, 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 (MBChB) or an equivalent medical degree;
- demonstrate proof of potential academic research ability through (i) successful completion of a research Master's degree, or (ii) appropriate and equivalent prior research experience;
- be enrolled or intending to enrol for a MOphth or PhD at the University of Otago.

Application Process

Every application for the scholarship must be submitted to the University of Otago Scholarships Office by the specified closing date. 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.

Every applicant must submit:

- a certified copy of their academic record;
- evidence of eligibility for enrolment in postgraduate study;
- a short Curriculum Vitae including information on any current awards held;
- a statement (maximum two pages) outlining their intended area of study, potential supervisors, study time-frame and future plans;
- a statement of support from the proposed host department confirming their ability to host the student and their ability to provide or support supervision.

Selection Process

The selection panel, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, the Dean of a clinical School of Medicine (DSM, UOC or UOW), the Associate Dean Research of one of the clinical schools and an academic from the ophthalmology discipline 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 will 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 \$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 progress report to the Chair of the selection panel, 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 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 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 scholarship recipient's research is expected to produce publications for scientific journals and presentations for national and/or international scientific meeting(s). All publications and presentations arising from the work must acknowledge the scholarship.