

Established in 2019 by the University of Otago with generous support from Kraft Heinz, the University of Otago Kraft Heinz Food Science Scholarship was created to encourage school leavers to pursue study leading to a career in Food Science. Highly qualified Food Science graduates are well sought after by the dynamic, challenging and highly competitive food industry.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand permanent resident, and
- enrolled as a final year student at a secondary school in New Zealand, and
- intending to enrol full-time for a BSc in Food Science or a BAppSc in Consumer Food Science at the University of Otago.

Selection Process

The selection panel comprises of three academic staff members of the Department of Food Science, and the successful applicant will be endorsed by Kraft Heinz.

The following factors shall be considered in selecting the scholarship recipient:

- Academic attainment at NCEA level
- A passion for Sciences, particularly in relation to food
- Information from Referees about personal skills and abilities

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in February, after entrance examination requirements are available.

Financial

- The value of the scholarship is \$1,000 for the first year of study, \$1,000 for the second year of study, and \$1,000 for the third year of study.
- Payment will be made to the scholarship holder by direct bank transfer before the end of March.
- In addition, during the summer vacation period after the second year of study Kraft Heinz may in its sole discretion offer the scholarship holder the opportunity of an Industrial Work Placement at one of Kraft Heinz's food manufacturing plants with the potential to earn up to \$5,000 during the summer vacation period.

Tenure

- The scholarship holder must achieve at least a B grade average in the papers required for a Food Science or Consumer Food Science major as undertaken in the first year of study in order to continue to receive the scholarship in the second year.
- The scholarship may be held concurrently with other awards or scholarships where their regulations so allow.

Other Requirements

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago. The scholarship holder must be enrolled for a BSc in Food Science or a BAppSc in Consumer Food Science.
- The University of Otago and Kraft Heinz reserve the rights to use names, photographs and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. Scholarship holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University of Otago.
- At the end of the second year, the scholarship holder may be asked to reflect on their experience of working at Kraft Heinz for marketing purposes.
- A scholarship recipient who delays the start to their study or transfers out of their food science major or withdraws from study or fails to attain the required B grade average for the food science papers will forfeit the scholarship.
- A scholarship recipient who takes a gap year during the tenure of the scholarship will be reviewed on a case by case basis. (The recipient may forfeit their scholarship in the discretion of The University of Otago and Kraft Heinz following such review as a consequence of taking a gap year.)

Application Process

Application documents must include:

- A completed application form, including the names of two referees (at least one from school)
- A record of learning, including NCEA qualifications in progress

Application documents must be sent no later than the closing date of 15 January. Candidates should also ensure that their two referees send their confidential references to the address below no later than 15 January.

Applications and referee reports must be submitted to scholarships@otago.ac.nz

Application forms are available from: https://www.otago.ac.nz/food-science/study/scholarships/ or email scholarships@otago.ac.nz