



The Stanley Paris PhD OMT Scholarship

Established in 2019 by the University Otago from a generous donation by Drs Stanley and Catherine Paris, this scholarship is named after Stanley G Paris and Stanley V Paris, father and son graduates of the School of Physiotherapy at the University of Otago.

The scholarship was created to support University of Otago students in the area of orthopaedic manual therapy at the School of Physiotherapy / Te Kura Kōmiri Pai. In doing so, it seeks to enhance the School's international and national profile as a leader in research and clinical practice.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand trained and registered physiotherapist wishing to pursue a clinical research career in New Zealand; and
- enrolled or intending to enrol at the University of Otago for the year of the award in a Doctor of Philosophy programme focussing on orthopaedic manual therapy, with primary supervision within the Otago School of Physiotherapy.

Preference will be given to applicants who have an area of interest that is of research value to the Otago School of Physiotherapy and to the profession.

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 PhD thesis proposal
- a completed application form including a one-page statement about the applicant's professional aspirations and a budget of any expected travel, clinical and/or research costs;
- a copy of their academic transcript if not an Otago graduate; and
- an academic reference letter

Selection Process

The selection panel will comprise the Director of Development and Alumni Relations (or their nominee), the Dean of the University of Otago School of Physiotherapy (or their nominee), a senior member of School (nominated by the Dean), and Drs Stanley and Catherine Paris (or their nominees).

The following factors shall be considered in awarding the scholarship:

- Academic merit and the research or clinical potential of the applicant.

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

Financial

- The scholarship will provide a tuition fee rebate for up to three years (full-time enrolment) or six years (part-time enrolment).
- The scholarship may provide a stipend for living costs of up to \$32,544 per annum. The stipend is designed to provide income protection for part-time students who are required to reduce employment while studying and are in need of financial support.
- The scholarship, subject to approval of budget and a detailed outline of proposed research, may provide consumable and travel costs of up to \$10,000 for the scholarship period.
- In addition, the *Stanley Paris Musculoskeletal and Manual Therapy Fund* may provide:
 - one attendance at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Manual Physical Therapists (AAOMPT). As part of this, the candidate will be hosted by Drs Stanley and Catherine Paris to facilitate networking with international experts and faculty; and
 - travel support to spend at least a week overseas in the practice of a mentor or visiting a researcher/clinical unit in their area of interest.
- The number and value of scholarships available each year will be determined by the selection panel.

Tenure

- The scholarship may be held 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 recipient of this scholarship shall provide an end-of-year report to the Stewardship Officer, Development and Alumni Relations, no later than 1 December in each year of tenure.