



## Master of Peace and Conflict Studies

### \$10,000 Study Awards 2026

Te Ao o Rongomaraeroa | National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies  
University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka

Applicants for the 2026 Master of Peace and Conflict Studies (MPCS) programme at Te Ao o Rongomaraeroa | National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago, are invited to apply for a Study Award.

Information about the programme can be found [here](#).

Six competitive awards are open to all applicants, domestic and international. Māori, Moriori, and Pacific candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. These awards will be equivalent to the Coursework Masters' scholarships offered by the University of Otago (\$10,000 NZD).

TAOR | NCPACS is New Zealand's first centre to combine global cross-disciplinary expertise on peacebuilding and conflict transformation, combined with a focus on indigenous, Māori, and Moriori peace practices and bicultural principles and processes. It offers masters' and doctorate programmes, and conducts high-level research on the causes of violent conflict, peace and justice in a post-colonial setting and the conditions for sustainable, indigenous peace. It is a postgraduate theory, research and practice centre located within Te Tumu in the Division of Humanities.

Entry requirements for the programme are a bachelor's degree in any subject with an average grade of B or relevant alternative qualifications and/or experience. International applicants may need to have English language verification in line with [University of Otago requirements](#).

### Applications for the Study Awards close Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

If you are interested in applying for an award, please send a letter of introduction and motivation, an up-to-date curriculum vitae, your academic record, and a letter of academic reference to the [Centre email](#). You must have gained acceptance onto the programme in order to apply for an award.

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Associate Professor Liana MacDonald  
Co-Director TAOR | NCPACS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Jackson'.

Professor Richard Jackson  
Co-Director TAOR | NCPACS

