



Northland Pharmacist Pathway Scholarship

Established in 2023 by the University of Otago in collaboration with Vicki Douglas, Pharmacist, of Bay of Islands Pharmacies Ltd, based in Kerikeri, Northland. This scholarship provides funding for accommodation and travel allowances to bring four third year pharmacy students to the Bay of Islands for placements in rural community pharmacy practices. It also offers mentoring through Years 3 and 4 of the students' pharmacy degrees, with a view to one ultimately accepting an internship in the Kerikeri area.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand Residence Class Visa Holder
- a third year pharmacy student at the University of Otago in the year of tenure
- a good communicator with a passion for rural community pharmacy, and the ability to successfully complete their Bachelor of Pharmacy degree.

Application Process

Every application for this award must be submitted to Student Administration (Scholarships) at the University of Otago by the specified closing date.

Every applicant must submit:

- a completed application form
- a written submission outlining the applicant's interest in rural community pharmacy practice
- an updated curriculum vitae.

Selection Process

The selection panel will consist of School of Pharmacy staff nominated by the Dean, the Director, Development and Alumni Relations (or nominee), and representatives of Bay of Islands Pharmacies Ltd.

The panel may interview all short-listed applicants.

Financial

- The value of the scholarship will be \$3,000, to cover the recipient's travel and accommodation expenses when on placement in the Bay of Islands.
- The scholarship may only be held with full-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

- The scholarship is to be accompanied by a mentoring programme for Years 3 and 4 of the recipient's Bachelor of Pharmacy programme. The intent is that this will lead to one of the scholarship recipients accepting an internship in the Kerikeri area. This internship would be accompanied by pastoral care and support, as the student transitions to their registration as a pharmacist within a rural environment.
- Scholarship recipients will attend and provide progress reporting within the framework of the mentorship programme.
- Scholarship recipients will agree to publicity opportunities with Bay of Islands Pharmacies Ltd.
- The University of Otago reserves the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful applicants for advertising and publicity. Award holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University of Otago.