



Sir Murray Brennan Entrance Rowing Scholarship

Established in 2025 from the generous donation of funds from Sir Murray Brennan, this scholarship assists students who have demonstrated an outstanding level of merit in performance rowing to attend the University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka.

Application Process

Every applicant must submit an Entrance Scholarship application through the University's student management system (eVision) by 15 August in the year prior to enrolment. If no suitable applicant is found the due date of submission of applications may be extended.

Applications will be open to students who are normally eligible for the University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Performance Scholarships. To be considered for this scholarship, applicants are advised to complete the Performance section in the Entrance Scholarship application and reference their rowing achievements in the statements they provide.

Selection Process

The selection panel, consisting of the Manager of Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships, the Director of Alumni Relations and Development, and the University of Otago Rowing Club Manager, or their nominees, shall consider the following factors in awarding the scholarship:

- ♦ Academic ability (a minimum of NCEA Level 2 awarded with merit, or equivalent, is normally required for consideration).
- ♦ Demonstratable an extremely high ability in rowing (including athletes, coxswains and coaches) preferably at New Zealand Junior level.
- ♦ Potential and motivation to succeed at university.

Additional considerations

- ♦ Those studying towards a Health Science qualification will be given first preference for this award.

Financial arrangements

- ♦ The value of the scholarship is \$10,000 with a one-year tenure.
- ♦ For those accepting a place in a Residential College, or University Flat, the scholarship will be paid as a contribution to accommodation fees.

- ♦ For those living in the local community (boarding, flatting, or living at home), it will normally comprise of a payment, firstly towards tuition and student services fees, if applicable. Any remaining balance will be paid to the recipient's bank account in two lump-sum payments in May and September.

Scholarship terms and conditions

In addition to the standard Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship terms and conditions the following provisions apply:

- ♦ Recipients must be an active full-time and financial member of the University Rowing club, and be available to compete for the Otago provincial rowing team.
- ♦ Payment of this scholarship will only be made once a copy of a message of appreciation from the scholarship recipient to the donor has been received by the Development and Alumni Relations Office.
- ♦ This scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship at the discretion of the selection panel.
- ♦ Recipients agree to reasonable requests from the University of Otago - Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka to appropriately represent the University, the University of Otago Rowing Club, and the scholarship.