



Science Horizons Scholarship

The University of Otago Science Horizons Scholarships (originally known as University of Otago Frontiers of Science Scholarships) were established by the Division of Sciences in 2006 to encourage high-achieving students to enrol in undergraduate degree programmes in Sciences at the University of Otago. The intention is to offer additional financial support to high-achieving students who have received a low monetary value NZQA New Zealand Scholarship award or international equivalent. Up to \$20,000 in scholarships may be awarded each year, providing candidates of sufficient merit are available.

General eligibility criteria

Applications are open to students who:

- ♦ have sat exams for NZQA New Zealand Scholarship or an international equivalent
- ♦ have passed one or more NZQA New Zealand scholarship exams in a science related subject
- ♦ must not have previously attended a university
- ♦ must be intending to enrol in their first year of a programme of study for one of the following degrees at the University of Otago: Science: Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts and Science, Bachelor of Commerce and Science, Bachelor of Surveying or degrees from the School of Physical Education.

Students need not apply directly from secondary school, but the award is dependent on final year marks in at least one and preferably two science subjects in New Zealand Scholarship or equivalent.

Specific eligibility criteria for this Scholarship

In addition to the above eligibility criteria:

- ♦ those who are awarded a NZQA New Zealand Scholarship Premier Award, Outstanding Scholar Award, or Scholarship Award are **not** eligible for this scholarship.
- ♦ those intending to commence study in programmes such as Health Sciences First Year or the intermediate year of professional degrees not offered at the University of Otago (e.g. Engineering) are **not** eligible for this scholarship.

Application Process

Each student must:

- ♦ submit an application to Scholarships Office on the prescribed form no later than 10 December in the year prior to intended study at the University of Otago
- ♦ finalise application on confirmation of the applicants' NZ Scholarship results or relevant international equivalent, by forwarding a copy of the results notification to the Scholarships Office

- ♦ arrange for an academic reference from either the School Principal, Deputy Principal or Head of Science from their secondary school to be forwarded to the Scholarships Office no later than 10 December in the year prior to intended study at the University of Otago

Selection Process

The scholarships will be awarded primarily on the basis of academic merit. Applicants may be required to attend an interview with the selection panel, in person, by teleconference or by telephone, and the University will meet reasonable expenses associated with participation in such an interview.

The selection panel will comprise the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Sciences), and the Members of the Division of Sciences Community Engagement Group (or their nominees).

Tenure

- ♦ The scholarship may be held for the duration of an undergraduate degree programme in sciences (for a maximum of three years), providing that the scholar achieves at least a B average each year and satisfactory progress in all respects.
- ♦ The scholarship may be held concurrently with the University of Otago New Frontiers Scholarship and other awards, subject to approval from the selection panel.

Other Requirements

Recipients must agree to:

- ♦ uphold University rules and regulations of proper conduct throughout the duration of the award
- ♦ allow to the use of their names, photographs, and/or biographical sketches by the University for advertising and publicity relating to the Scholarship
- ♦ submit a report to the Student Experience, no later than **1 December** in each year of tenure, detailing their activities and experiences during that Semester
- ♦ present short summaries of their achievements within the duration of the award, if called upon to do so.

Note

The current value of the scholarship will be up to \$3,000 per annum, depending on the level of NZQA Scholarship Award already received by the student. The Scholarship will be disbursed in two equal parts, one each semester.