



Ida G White Travelling Scholarship in Music Performance

Established in 1979 by the University of Otago through a bequest from the late Ida G White, this scholarship is awarded to students of exceptional ability or promise pursuing the study of music outside New Zealand.

Eligibility

Every applicant for this scholarship must:

- be a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand Residence Class Visa Holder;
- have graduated from the University of Otago with a three- or four-year undergraduate performance degree studying voice or any stringed instrument (e.g. violin, cello, piano, harp or guitar); and
- have been accepted into a full-time course of study in voice or any stringed instrument (e.g. violin, cello, piano, harp or guitar) at postgraduate level in a leading music college or university overseas.

Application Process

Applications should be submitted to Student Administration (Scholarships) at the University of Otago. There is no fixed closing date for applications.

Every applicant must submit:

- a completed application form;
- a current curriculum vitae (CV);
- a budget outlining the costs associated with their overseas travel and study;
- a confirmation of enrolment letter from the overseas institution the applicant is (or will be) attending;
- a reference letter from a University of Otago music teacher familiar with the applicant's performance ability or potential.

Selection Process

The Selection Panel will consist of the Head of the Music programme in the School of Performing Arts (or their nominee), who will act as chair, plus two senior academics in the Music programme nominated by the Head of the School of Performing Arts.

The following factors shall be considered in selecting the successful applicant:

- the degree of excellence (or potential for excellence) in performance demonstrated by the applicant during their undergraduate music studies at the University of Otago;
- the relative cost of study each applicant is faced with.

The Selection Panel may require an interview with short-listed applicants for this award.

Financial

- The number and value of scholarships available each year will be determined by the Selection Panel, and will depend on such factors as the availability of funds, the number and quality of applications received, and the cost of study applicants are faced with at their chosen overseas institution.
- The payment of funds awarded under this scholarship is dependent on the recipient having already enrolled and commenced postgraduate study in a music college or university overseas.

Tenure

- The scholarship should be held with full-time tenure.
- The scholarship must be taken up within one year of being awarded.
- The recipient must be living and studying overseas during their tenure of the scholarship.
- The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship where its regulations also allow co-tenure.

Other Requirements

- 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.