

Elizabeth Gregory Prestige Scholarship

Established in 1988 by the University of Otago in partnership with the Association of Home Science Alumnae of New Zealand, this award commemorates the outstanding contribution to the University of Dr Elizabeth Gregory OBE MHSc (NZ) PhD (London) Hon LLD (Otago) FNZIC, a teacher in the Faculty of Home Science from 1925 to 1961 and Dean of Faculty from 1941 to 1961. The dual purpose of this scholarship is to recognise excellence in the completion of undergraduate (300-level) study in disciplines previously part of the Faculty of Home Science or School of Consumer and Applied Sciences, and to encourage progression to the first year of postgraduate (400-level) study in those disciplines.

Eligibility

Applicants for this scholarship:

- must be a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand Residence Class Visa Holder
- must have completed a Bachelor's degree at the University of Otago in one of the following academic disciplines:
 - Food Science (including Consumer Food Science)
 - Human Nutrition
 - Nutrition and Metabolism in Human Health
 - Sport and Exercise Nutrition
 - Social and Community Work
 - Clothing and Textile Sciences, or (since 2020) in any related study or research
 - Design (for Technology), or (since 2017) in any related study or research, and
- must be enrolled (or preparing to enrol) in their first year of postgraduate study at the University of Otago in any of the above disciplines or study areas. Papers enrolled in will normally be 400-level, or 500-level in the case of the first year of study in a taught Master's programme.

Note: Since 2017, Design for Technology has not been available as a major subject at the University of Otago, and Design has not been offered as a minor subject. Since 2020, Clothing and Textile Sciences specialisations, subjects and (CLTE) papers have also been unavailable for study. However, where design- or textiles-related study or research continues at the University, students undertaking such study or research may, at the discretion of the Selection Panel, be eligible for this award.

Application Process

Every application for the scholarship 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
- an up-to-date copy of their curriculum vitae
- an academic reference letter from their undergraduate school or department, and
- a copy of their academic transcript for any study undertaken at another tertiary institution.

Selection Process

The Selection Panel will consist of the following (or their nominees): one member each nominated by the Associate Deans Academic for Sciences, Health Sciences and Humanities; the Director, Development and Alumni Relations; and the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards. Associate Deans will not be required to appoint a member to the Panel if there are no applications from students within their division.

The following factors shall be considered by the Selection Panel when assessing applications:

- the degree of academic excellence achieved by the applicant in their undergraduate degree (GPA)
- the advice and recommendation of the relevant school or department, and
- whether the applicant has been granted any other scholarships or awards for the year of tenure.

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

Financial

- The maximum total value of the scholarship is \$8,000 per recipient.
- The scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments, at the start of each semester of the recipient's first year of postgraduate study.
- The number and value of awards offered each year will be determined by the Selection Panel, and will depend on the quality of applications received and the level of funds available for disbursement.
- The Selection Panel reserves the right to make multiple awards or no award in any particular year.

Tenure

- The scholarship may be held with full-time or part-time tenure. Emoluments for recipients holding part-time tenure will be prorated.
- The scholarship must be taken up within one year of being awarded.
- The scholarship may, at the discretion of the Selection Panel, be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship where its regulations also allow co-tenure.
- If the recipient withdraws from the postgraduate qualification, or changes their study discipline, the University of Otago reserves the right to request full or partial repayment of the scholarship.

Other Requirements

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago.
- The recipient will prepare a brief report for the Donor at the conclusion of the period of tenure, sent via the Stewardship Officer, Development and Alumni Relations.
- 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.