

# REACH scholarship

Applications open: **1 May**

Applications close: **15 June**

## What is REACH?

REACH (Realising Educational Aspirations for Careers in Health) is a scholarship for Year 13 Māori secondary students interested in a career in health. The REACH Scholarship provides a fully funded opportunity for Year 13 Māori students to spend three nights and two full days on the University of Otago campus exploring health sciences degree options. Flights, transfers, food and accommodation in a University of Otago residential college are included.

REACH will help you gain an understanding of life on campus and learn about health sciences study options and careers. You will participate in hands-on learning, including lectures, labs and “tutes”, visit several of the University of Otago’s residential colleges and meet key Māori contacts on campus.

## Successful applications must:

- Have Māori whakapapa (ancestry)
- Be in their final year of secondary school (Year 13)
- Consider studying at the University of Otago

- Have secondary school science (minimum level 2), preferably in chemistry, physics or biology
- Show a commitment to pursue health sciences studies and a career in health.

## Application process

Every student must submit a completed application AND a confidential reference (from either their principal, deputy principal, assistant principal or Year 13 dean) via the online application tool at:

[otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/tearahauora](https://otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/tearahauora)

## Selection process

- Criteria for selection includes:
- The quality of the REACH Scholarship application
- Interest in a career in health
- Commitment to Māori development
- Academic ability
- The MHWDU’s strategic priorities relating to access and opportunity for Māori.

The University of Otago’s Māori Health Workforce Development Unit wishes to acknowledge the support received from the Ministry of Health.

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