



Graduate Women Otago Centenary Award (Pacific)

Established in 2023 by the University of Otago through generous support from Graduate Women Otago, this award commemorates the organisation's 2021 centenary, and is intended to support one female Pacific master's student each year whose financial or personal circumstances make it difficult to continue studying. A parallel award is also offered each year on comparable terms to a female Māori student engaged in master's level study in any discipline.

Painga (Eligibility)

Applications are open to any University of Otago student who:

- is a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand Residence Class Visa Holder;
- identifies as female;
- meets the University's ancestry verification requirements for Pacific;
- is enrolled or plans to enrol in a master's degree programme (coursework or thesis) in any discipline;
- faces financial or personal circumstances that may disrupt or interfere with their studies.

Mahi tonoa (Application Process)

All applicants must:

- submit an application on the prescribed form to Student Administration (Scholarships) by the closing date specified, with appropriate documentation where required;
- provide verification of Pacific ancestry (<https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/otago666451.html>);
- provide details of any other financial assistance they will receive from other awards or scholarships;
- include an academic transcript if any previous study was at a tertiary institution other than the University of Otago.

Kowhiritanga (Selection Process)

A selection committee consisting of the Manager of the Pacific Islands Centre, the Director, Development & Alumni Relations, and a Graduate Women Otago Committee member (or their nominees) shall consider the following in recommending awarding the scholarship:

- (i) the applicant's financial means and personal circumstances, and the extent to which these factors may affect their ability to pursue their studies;
- (ii) whether the applicant will receive financial assistance from other awards or scholarships;
- (iii) recommendations and advice from the Pacific Islands Centre and other University staff;
- (iv) the applicant's academic ability or potential.

The committee may require an interview with short-listed applicants for the scholarship.

The committee reserves the right not to award the scholarship in any given year.

Tahua (Financial)

The total value of the scholarship is \$3,000, paid as a lump sum to the recipient.

Whai tonu (Tenure)

- The scholarship must be taken up within one year of being awarded.
- The scholarship may be awarded to the same student more than once.
- The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship where its regulations also allow co-tenure.

Other Requirements

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago.
- The recipient shall provide a letter of acknowledgment to Graduate Women Otago via the Stewardship Officer, Development and Alumni Relations Office.
- 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.