



Donald Scott Memorial Scholarship in Freshwater Ecology

Established in 2022 in memory of Donald Scott, former Associate Professor of Zoology, by the University of Otago with funds gifted by Patricia Scott in memory of her husband Donald Scott, the Clutha Fisheries Trust and Otago Fish and Game Council, the Scholarship will support a Postgraduate 4th Year or Honours student with a focus on New Zealand waterways/river ecology that can inform best practice and sustainability for the freshwater Angling and Sports Fishing communities.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand Residence Class Visa Holder; and
- a current student about to commence Postgraduate 4th year or Honours with a focus on New Zealand waterways/river ecology.

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;
- a copy of their academic transcript if not an Otago graduate; and
- an academic reference letter.

Selection Process

The selection panel will comprise of the Head of the Department of Zoology, Chief Executive Otago Fish & Game Council, Chair Clutha Fisheries Trust and Patricia Scott (or next of kin) and the Director, Development and Alumni Relations or their nominees.

The following factors shall be considered in selecting the Scholarship:

- academic merit; and
- alignment of studies and research topic to waterway/river ecology.

The panel may require an interview with short-listed applicants for the Scholarship.

Financial

- The Scholarship will normally provide an award of \$5,000.
- The amount will be split into two payments of \$2,500 per semester.

Tenure

- The Scholarship may be held with full-time or part-time tenure, should programme regulations permit part-time enrolment.
- The Scholarship must be taken up within one year of being awarded.

- 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 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.