

## Barusch Scholarship in Ageing Studies

*Established in 2025 by the University of Otago through a generous donation from Emeritus Professor Amanda Barusch of the University of Otago, a senior academic from the School of Social Sciences with extensive research and teaching experience in the field of gerontology. The purpose of this award is to encourage ageing-themed research projects in the University's Division of Humanities.*

*The world is facing unprecedented challenges due to the rapid ageing of its human population, and like other countries, New Zealand has much to learn about older adults, the process of ageing, and what policies and services will best support them to flourish. The findings of the successful applicant's research should help build our theoretical and practical understanding of older adults and the ageing process. They might even point the way towards new policies and programmes in this area.*

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be:

- enrolled (or about to enrol) in a Master's or PhD degree in the Division of Humanities featuring research with a primary focus on gerontology and human ageing.

Both domestic and international students are eligible for this scholarship.

### **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 brief statement discussing their interest in the study of ageing, and outlining any community work or volunteer service relating to older adults they may have undertaken
- a copy of their research proposal, describing a project clearly related to gerontology and ageing, which should include a brief statement on the practical or theoretical implications of their work
- an academic reference letter from their (proposed) primary supervisor, and
- a copy of their academic transcript for any tertiary study undertaken at another institution.

### **Selection Process**

The Selection Panel will consist of the following (or their nominees): the Associate Dean Graduate Studies for Humanities; the Head of the School of Social Sciences; a senior academic nominated by the Associate Dean Graduate Studies for Humanities; the Director of Development and Alumni Relations; and the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards.

The following factors shall be considered in awarding the scholarship:

- the degree to which an applicant's (proposed) research project is focussed on human ageing
- the extent to which the findings of their research project could contribute to the theoretical and practical understanding of older adults and the ageing process in New Zealand
- the nature of the applicant's interest in the field of gerontology, and

- any community work or volunteer service undertaken relating to older adults.

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

### ***Financial***

- The total value of the scholarship per recipient (per award) is \$7,000.
- The scholarship funds will be paid in two equal instalments, at the start of each semester.
- There will normally be only one scholarship offered each year.
- Any variation to the number or value of scholarships available each year will be at the discretion of the Selection Panel.

### ***Tenure***

- The scholarship may be held with full-time or part-time 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, at the discretion of the Selection Panel, provided the Panel is satisfied the student has made good academic progress during their previous tenure.
- 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.