



The University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Global Scholarships

Established in 2024, this Scholarship helps support international students coming from nominated countries, and/or those who plan to study specific programmes at the University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka, to become valued members of our University community.

Application Process

Every eligible applicant must indicate in their application for study, through the student management system (eVision), that they would like to be considered for international scholarships at the University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka.

Selection Process

Selection of recipients will be based upon consideration of the following factors:

- ♦ academic potential, as demonstrated by programme admission;
- ♦ applicants must be enrolling in full-time undergraduate degree-level study;
- ♦ applicants must be intending to study at the University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka from 100-level (first year) through to degree attainment;
- ♦ applicants will be applying either to study at the University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka from a nominated country, and/or to be undertaking a specified programme of study at Otago;
- ♦ applicants will be studying on campus throughout the duration of their studies.

Financial arrangements

- ♦ The value of the scholarship is \$15,000 with a one-year tenure.
- ♦ Payment of the scholarship will be made as a credit towards tuition fees only.
- ♦ For those commencing study in semester 2 (July), half the scholarship funds (\$7,500) will be released as a credit towards tuition fees, with the other half being released in semester 1 (February) of the following year.

Scholarship terms and conditions

The University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Global Scholarship is a University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Entrance Scholarship and is subject to the standard Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship terms and conditions, except for the following conditions which supersede the normal Entrance Scholarship terms and conditions as indicated:

- ♦ This scholarship is payable only as a credit towards tuition fees (supersedes conditions 4 and 5)
- ♦ Students starting their programme in semester 2 are eligible for this scholarship (supersedes condition 3)
- ♦ Deferral of the scholarship is not possible (supersedes condition 8).

In addition to the standard Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship terms and conditions, the following provisions apply, subject to the specific provisions of the offer letter for the recipient:

- ♦ The scholarship will only be formally awarded once. Students who apply for more than one programme of study may receive multiple “Offer of Place” notifications, indicating they have been accepted into their selected programmes of study and met the criteria for award of the scholarship, but only one scholarship will be awarded.
- ♦ If the student is not able to commence their studies by the enrolment date stated in their Offer of Place, the scholarship is no longer valid. If the student's enrolment is moved to a subsequent start date, they will be reassessed for the scholarship to ensure they are still eligible.
- ♦ The list of nominated countries for consideration, and the list of programmes of study that a student can enrol in for selection of this scholarship, will be published on the scholarships database on the University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka website. The University reserves the right to amend these lists at its discretion.
- ♦ Students sponsored by their home Government, or the New Zealand Government are not eligible for this scholarship.
- ♦ Unless an exception is specified, this scholarship may not be held at the same time as another University of Otago | Ōtākou Whakaihu Waka Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship (UES). If a recipient is awarded another UES, the recipient will normally receive the scholarship of the highest value.
- ♦ If a student's residency status changes from international to domestic at any stage during the tenure of the scholarship, the University may suspend or terminate the scholarship and require the return of funds either in part or in full.
- ♦ Consideration may also be given where appropriate to change the scholarship to another award if the student no longer meets the eligibility requirements of this scholarship.
- ♦ Upon the termination of a student's enrolment for any reason, his or her withdrawal, or stopping study, entitlement to scholarship funding shall be cancelled. In such circumstances, the University may also require repayment (in part or full) of any scholarship payments already made.