



## Stewart Petrie Diversity & Equity Scholarship in Surveying & Spatial

*Established in 2023 by the University of Otago with thanks to Dunedin-born Stewart Petrie, a highly respected member of the teaching staff of the University of Otago School of Surveying (1993-2009). After studying at the University of Canterbury and the Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London, Stewart embarked on a 28-year career as a civil engineer, working for both Dunedin City Council and Royds Garden Consultants. He later joined the School of Surveying as a Teaching Fellow, where he taught and mentored students in a way designed to foster inclusion and inspire curiosity through practical, hands-on learning experiences. Stewart took great pride in his students' career development and successes and was recognised by his students and peers for the quality of his teaching, winning the 2004 OUSA Teaching Award, the 2005 Otago University Excellence in Teaching Award, and the 2005 New Zealand Qualifications Authority Tertiary Teaching Sustained Excellence Award.*

*This scholarship was created with the express purpose of increasing the diversity of people and thought in the field of Surveying and Spatial Science, and provides an opportunity for a student entering their third year of Surveying studies to have their third-year course fees covered.*

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand Residence Class Visa Holder
- enrolled in Year 2 of an undergraduate (Bachelor's) degree in the School of Surveying, and planning to enrol in Year 3 the following year (i.e. the intended year of tenure).

### **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 submission setting out
  - (i) why they're applying,
  - (ii) what Surveying or Spatial Science means to them, and
  - (iii) what they plan to do with their learning and skills in the future;
- an academic reference letter.

### **Selection Process**

The Selection Panel to award the scholarship will consist of the following members (or their nominees): a representative from the School of Surveying; the Director, Development and Alumni Relations Office; the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards; and the Donor.

The following factors shall be considered in selecting the scholarship winner:

- the central purpose of the scholarship is to encourage a wider diversity of people and thought in Surveying and Spatial Science;
- applicants should therefore belong to a group (or groups) typically underrepresented in these fields on account of factors such as gender identity, disability or impairment, being first in family to attend university, sexual orientation, low socio-economic background, and migrant or refugee background;
- applicants should display a genuine passion for Surveying or Spatial work.

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

### ***Financial***

- This scholarship provides the recipient with a rebate of the tuition fees charged for their Year 3 enrolment in a School of Surveying undergraduate degree.
- One scholarship will be available each year.

### ***Tenure***

- The scholarship shall be held with full-time tenure.
- 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.