



Maria Marsh Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship in Mental Health

Established in 2023 by the University of Otago with funding from the donor, Robert Rea, this scholarship was created in memory of Maria Marsh, the donor's wife. The purpose of this award is to support postgraduate study or research in the field of mental health, particularly bipolar disorder or schizophrenia.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or New Zealand Residence Class Visa Holder;
- enrolled in (or about to enrol in) a postgraduate qualification at the University of Otago involving study or a research project in the area of mental health, preferably focused on bipolar disorder or schizophrenia.

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

Selection Process

The Selection Panel will consist of the Dean of Otago Medical School, the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, and the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards (or their nominees).

The following factor(s) shall be considered in selecting the recipient:

- The postgraduate study or research (project) for which the scholarship is awarded must be in the field of mental health, with priority given to applications where the study or research focuses specifically on bipolar disorder or schizophrenia.
- Priority will be given to Master's and PhD applicants over other postgraduate applicants (e.g. Honours, Postgraduate Diploma, Postgraduate Certificate).

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

Financial

- One scholarship will be awarded each year, at the determination of the Selection Panel.
- The scholarship has a total value of \$10,000, payable in instalments.

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 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.