



University
of Otago
ŌTĀKOU WHAKAIHU WAKA

Te Kaupeka Whaiora
Faculty of Medicine
Ōtepoti – Dunedin Campus

Faculty of Medicine - Dunedin 2026 Postgraduate Scholarship Round

Applications are invited for the following Postgraduate Scholarships from graduates who intend to enrol/or are currently enrolled in a postgraduate research degree and supervised by an academic staff member of one of the nine academic departments or the Dean's Department of the [Faculty of Medicine - Dunedin](#)¹ in 2027.

Intercalated MBChB/PhD students are not eligible for these scholarships unless they have completed a separate degree from Otago.

Applications must be submitted electronically to hrrs@otago.ac.nz
by: **Monday 21st September 2026 at 5pm.**

Available Scholarships

Dunbar Research Scholarship

This scholarship is open to graduates of the University of Otago, is tenable to students enrolled at the Faculty of Medicine - Dunedin, and is available to undertake research in relation to urinary, uterine or catarrhal disorders, or such other field of research as may be approved by the University. This scholarship would be particularly suited to a graduate of the Division of Health Sciences. This scholarship is for a period of 12-months, extendable to a second year providing that a satisfactory progress report is submitted with the second-year application. The value of a full-time scholarship awarded in 2027 is expected to be \$35,000 - \$55,000 plus fees (dependent upon the qualifications of the applicant).

Emily Johnston Scholarship for Research in the Science and Art of Clinical Medicine

This scholarship is open to medical graduates of any University in New Zealand who are Commonwealth citizens, who hold a degree in medicine, and have completed at least 10 months residence as a house surgeon in a New Zealand hospital with >100 beds. This scholarship is tenable to students enrolled at the Department of Medicine - Dunedin, for full-time research in the science and art of clinical medicine. This scholarship is for a period of 12-months only, but could be extended to a second year in very special circumstances. The value of a full-time scholarship awarded in 2027 is expected to be \$55,000 plus fees.

Frances G Cotter Scholarship for Research in Medicine

This scholarship is open to medical graduates who are registered as medical practitioners with the Medical Council of New Zealand. Preference will be given to graduates of any University in New Zealand who will have completed the requirements for full registration. The scholarship is tenable at

¹ The Faculty of Medicine – Dunedin is home to the Dean's Department and nine academic departments -- Department of Bioethics; Department of Medicine; Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Department of Paediatrics and Child Health; Department Pathology and Molecular Medicine; Department of Primary Health Care; Department of Psychological Medicine; Department of Public Health; Department of Surgery and Critical Care

the University of Otago for the purpose of undertaking research in the Department of Medicine - Dunedin, or as part of a collaborative project involving another University department, with the active participation of a member of the senior staff of the Department of Medicine - Dunedin. This scholarship is for a period of 12-months only, but could be extended to a second year in very special circumstances. The value of a full-time scholarship awarded in 2027 is expected to be \$55,000 plus fees.

Lady King Scholarship

This scholarship is open to medical graduates of the University of Otago or of other Universities approved by Council. The scholarship is tenable to students enrolled at the Faculty of Medicine - Dunedin and is available for the purpose of encouraging the study in New Zealand of preventative work in paediatrics and the well-being of mother and child in the antenatal, intranatal, and postnatal periods, and well-being of the child up to school age. The value of a full-time scholarship awarded in 2027 is expected to be \$55,000 plus fees.

Application process

Please complete all sections on the application form below, and attach

- **your current Curriculum Vitae**
- **a letter of support from your supervisor** including confirmation of any budgetary implications for the research group or department and how these will be handled.
- **a signed statement of support from the relevant Faculty of Medicine - Dunedin Head of Department** confirming that they are aware of this application and support it. Additionally, they must confirm that the Department has the resources and infrastructure to enable this project to be successfully carried out.

All enquiries to: Health Research South
Email hrs@otago.ac.nz

Application Form follows. Please delete the information above.

Faculty of Medicine - Dunedin
Application to 2026 Postgraduate Scholarship
Round



Applications must be submitted as one PDF file and emailed to: hqs@otago.ac.nz

Application deadline: 5pm Monday 21st September 2026

Notes in blue are provided to help you complete this application & can be deleted.

Personal Information

Full name: _____
Surname Given names
(Please highlight the name by which you wish to be known)

Email address _____ **Student ID** _____

2027 Intended Enrolment Details

Degree: _____

Commencement date: _____ **Expected completion date:** _____

Project title: _____

Department: _____

Supervisor(s):
(Name, Department)

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In 2027, I will be enrolled in the above research degree

☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Full-year ☐ Part-year

Comments:

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Qualifications & Eligibility

Postgraduate & undergraduate qualifications *(add more rows if necessary)*

Qualification	Institution	Start/end dates

I have current registration with the Medical Council of New Zealand ☐ No ☐ Yes

I have worked ≥10 months as a house surgeon in a New Zealand hospital of >100 beds? ☐ No ☐ Yes

I am a citizen of a Commonwealth country.

☐ No ☐ Yes

Comments:

Application details

I am applying for a scholarship for full-time/part-time study
starting on the 1st January 2027 until 31st December 2027 (*edit if required*)

From the description above, I believe I am eligible for the: (*tick all that apply*):

- ☐ Frances G Cotter Scholarship for Research in Medicine ☐ Emily Johnston Scholarship for Research in the Science and Art of Clinical Medicine
- ☐ Dunbar Research Scholarship ☐ Lady King Scholarship

Eligibility check list (for office use only)

	Dunbar	Emily Johnston	Frances Cotter	Lady King	Key
					☐ Not required for this award
					☐ Preferred but not essential
Enrolment in postgraduate research degree in FoM-D					
Full-time enrolment in 2027					
Medical Graduate					
UoO Graduate (any discipline)					
NZ Uni Graduate		med			
Commonwealth citizen					
≥10 mo in 100 bed hospital or equivalent					
Registered with MCNZ					
Subject/Dept requirement					D: Subjects named in testatrix (Urinary, Womb, or Catarrhal Disorders) preferred. EJ: Art & Science of Clinical Medicine within Dept of Medicine - Dunedin. Must be full-time. FC: In Dept of Medicine - Dunedin/active collaboration with senior staff of Dept of Medicine - Dunedin LK: preventative work antenatal → school age.

Project & proposed career path

Write concisely and clearly for a scientifically knowledgeable audience, who are not necessarily specialists in your area.

Maximum 3 A4 pages.

- 1. Briefly describe your project, including aims, methodology and expected outcomes.**
- 2. Provide a brief statement as to the contribution this project will make to knowledge and health research in New Zealand.**
- 3. Describe your future intended career path and how this research will contribute to your future plans.**

Other funding and pending applications

Have you previously held a FoM-D (DSM) Postgraduate Scholarship? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please provide the scholarship name and term, and provide a detailed account of progress to date below.

Maximum half an A4 page.

Outline any funding that you have received, applied for, or intend to apply for which is relevant to this application.

The table below is provided merely as an example.

Scholarship	Tuition/stipend provided	Status	Date result expected
<i>Example Scholarship application</i>	<i>\$10,000 Stipend only</i>	<i>Application</i>	<i>End of August 2001</i>
<i>Example Scholarship</i>	<i>\$10,000 Stipend and tuition fees</i>	<i>Awarded Jan 2023-Dec2023</i>	<i>n/a</i>

Attachment checklist

- ☐ Your Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Signed support letter from your supervisor, including notes on budgetary implications
- ☐ Signed support statement from the relevant Faculty of Medicine - Dunedin Head of Department

Signatures

By signing this application, you are confirming that you are committed to fulfilling all requirements and informing Health Research South if your circumstances change.

Student: _____ **Date:** _____