



## School of Biomedical Sciences Pacific Peoples' Postgraduate Scholarship

The aim of this scholarship is to support the development of Pacific biomedical researchers and help Pacific students to reach their full potential. The School of Biomedical Sciences (BMS) offers one Pacific Postgraduate Scholarship each year to support full-time study for a BSc Hons, BBiomedSc Hons, PGDipSci or 1<sup>st</sup> year of a MSc.

### ***Eligibility***

Applications are open to students who are:

- (a) Of Indigenous Pacific Island descent (either domestic or international), having met the University's ancestry verification requirements<sup>1</sup>; and
- (b) Intending to enrol full-time in a 400-level postgraduate programme offered by the BMS with the primary supervisor a member of staff in one of the BMS Departments (Anatomy, Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology, Pharmacology & Toxicology, Physiology)

### ***Application Process***

All applicants must:

- Submit an application on the prescribed form to the Student Administration (Scholarships) office<sup>2</sup> by the closing date specified, with appropriate documentation where required
- Include an academic record if previous study was in a tertiary institution other than the University of Otago

### ***Selection Process***

The selection committee consisting of the Dean BMS or their nominee, and two members of academic BMS staff appointed by the Dean shall consider the following factors in recommending award of the Scholarship:

- (i) The applicant's involvement and commitment to Pacific Islands communities
- (ii) The applicant's interest and commitment to research
- (iii) The applicant's academic record
- (iv) May obtain advice and recommendation from appropriate University staff

The selection committee reserves the right not to award the scholarship in any given year. Applicants will be advised of the outcome within two weeks of the closing date.

### ***Financial***

The scholarship consists of \$7,500, to be paid towards a rebate of tuition fees, with any remainder to be paid directly to the student, normally as a monthly stipend evenly distributed across the 9 months of study.

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<sup>1</sup> For information on Ancestry Verification see <https://www.otago.ac.nz/study/otago666451.html>

<sup>2</sup> Email [scholarships@otago.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@otago.ac.nz)

***Tenure***

- (i) The tenure of the scholarship is for one academic year only
- (ii) The scholarship must be taken up in the year for which it is awarded
- (iii) Part-time study is not normally permitted
- (iv) If the recipient withdraws from the postgraduate programme within the School of Biomedical Sciences during the tenure of the scholarship all payments will cease
- (v) Recipients of the BMS Scholarship are required to declare any other scholarships or awards received to support study for the same academic year, and in some cases the BMS may adjust the level of payment to ensure equitable spread of support as widely as possible
- (vi) The BMS requests that successful applicants agree to the use their name, photograph, and general details of the applicant in newsletters and for BMS publicity

***Notes*** In exceptional circumstances the Dean, School of Biomedical Sciences, may approve variations to these regulations.