



The Eamon Cleary Trust Postgraduate Study Scholarship

Established in 2016 by the University of Otago Council from a generous donation by the Eamon Cleary Trust. The Eamon Cleary Trust Postgraduate Study Scholarship was created to support University of Otago students undertaking postgraduate research in Irish Studies. The scholarship may be used for expenses associated with postgraduate study, such as tuition fees, research expenses or travel associated with their research programme.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be intending to enrol in a Doctoral or Research Masters programme in Irish Studies or a Coursework Masters programme in Irish Studies with a research component greater than or equal to 60 points at the University of Otago for the year of the award;
- Have made contact to discuss satisfactory supervisory arrangements with the Eamon Cleary Professor of Irish Studies prior to submission of the application.

Application Process

Every application for the scholarship must be submitted to the University of Otago Scholarships Office by the specified closing date.

Every applicant must submit:

- A completed application form including research abstract and tentative budget (with quotes if scholarship funding is sought for research and travel cost support);
- A covering letter containing relevant information for the Selection Panel;
- A curriculum vitae;
- The names of two referees who may be contacted to comment on the applicant's suitability for the scholarship.

Selection Process

The selection panel consisting of representatives of the Pro-Vice Chancellor Humanities as Convenor, the Research Advisor for the Division of Humanities, and the Chair of Irish Studies, and the Dean of the Graduate Research School, or their nominees, shall consider the following in awarding the scholarship:

- The applicant's stated reasons for seeking scholarship support;
- The indicative budget and likely success in achieving applicant's goal;
- The academic record of the applicant;
- Any other University of Otago or public information available considered to be relevant to the selection panel.

Financial

- The scholarship value is subject to available funding at the time of award. The award may not necessarily constitute the full funding requested in the application.
- The *maximum* value for Master's study will be an emolument of \$15,000 per annum plus a tuition fee waiver at the domestic student rate, for one year, and additional research and travel costs as approved by the Convenor, Selection Panel,
- The *maximum* value for Doctoral study will be an emolument of \$27,000 per annum plus a tuition fee waiver, for three years, and additional research and travel costs as approved by the Convenor.
- A request for a partial scholarship (as a top-up to a University of Otago Master's or Doctoral Scholarship) may be considered.
- A request for a contribution towards tuition fees at the international student rate (instead of receiving a stipend) may be considered.
- If the award includes an additional research and travel cost component then eighty percent (80%) of this payment will be made at the commencement of the research, with the remaining twenty percent (20%) to be paid upon receipt of a progress report to the Convenor of the selection panel, within one year of the award being made, indicating how the scholarship funding has been used.
- The value of the scholarship may be reviewed from time to time.

Tenure

- The scholarship will normally 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, subject to approval by the Convenor of the selection panel, if the regulations of those scholarships allow.
- A scholarship offer does not guarantee an offer of place at the University of Otago. If you have not already done so, you will need to seek admission to your chosen qualification. Scholarship payments will not begin until you are admitted and fully enrolled.

Other Requirements

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.

The Regulations and Notes for University of Otago Postgraduate Research Scholarships shall be used to guide the management of this scholarship where these regulations are silent.