

Vision Mātauranga - Deep South Challenge Masters Scholarship (by thesis)

Value:

Up to NZ \$20,000 (Master's by thesis) Please see additional information

Tenure of award:

One year

Closing dates for applications:

30 November 2018

Number of awards offered:

Two

History or background of award

In collaboration with the University of Otago, Division of Sciences, the VISION MĀTAURANGA science programme as part of the [Deep South National Science Challenge](#), is offering two Master's Scholarships. The scholarships have been established to build cross-disciplinary research capability and capacity in global change studies to help meet the emerging demands of increasingly complex social, economic, political and bio-physical system changes facing Māori and wider Aotearoa/New Zealand society. Projects are sought that will contribute to the following four research themes:

Theme 1: Understanding climate change - linkages, pressure points and potential responses

Theme 2: Exploring adaptation options for Māori communities

Theme 3: Assistance to Māori businesses to aid decision-making and long-term sustainability

Theme 4: Products, services and systems derived from mātauranga Māori*

* Includes: Te Reo Māori and Tikanga Māori

Purpose of award

The scholarships have been established to build cross-disciplinary research capability and capacity in global change studies to help meet the emerging demands of increasingly complex social, economic, political and bio-physical system changes brought on by a warming climate facing Māori and wider Aotearoa/New Zealand society.

Applications are sought from those who are eligible at the time of application, or who will have become eligible within six months of notification, to enrol in a Master's degree by thesis worth 90 points or more. In most cases this will be Part 2 of a two-year Master's degree.

Selection criteria

- Applications are invited from New Zealanders of Māori descent
- You must be eligible to undertake an MSc or MA at the University of Otago
- You must undertake full-time study
- Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit
- A suitable university supervisor must be agreed prior to acceptance
- Proposed research should be feasible and applicable
- Study must commence within 6 months of receiving this scholarship
- There are no age restrictions

Applicants across the physical and social sciences are encouraged to apply.

How do students apply?

Applications for this scholarship must be made on the form obtainable from the link on the webpage or from the Division of Sciences, University of Otago.

Referees statements:

Reference statements should be submitted directly to the Division of Sciences by the referees. This may be by email only if they are sent from a verifiable institutional email address.

It is important that you submit **ONLY** the documentation requested on the application form, additional information will not be circulated to selection panels. Application forms and supporting documents should be sent to:

[Deep South Challenge](#) Vision Mātauranga, Division of Sciences, University of Otago, PO Box 56, Dunedin

Scholarship applicants must contact the School in which they wish to enrol directly so that their research proposal and the feasibility of supervision can be assessed. Enrolling as a Master's student and applying for a Scholarship are two separate processes. The holding of Scholarship is conditional upon the scholarship recipient gaining enrolment as a Master's student.

Applicants, other than those who have completed all of their study at Otago, must include a certified copy of their academic record from other institutions with this application.

Additional information

These scholarships are jointly funded by the Deep South National Science Challenge and University of Otago Division of Sciences. The scholarship includes \$12,500 stipend and a fees contribution of up to \$7,500.

Decision makers

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit by the Deep South Challenge Kāhui Māori, the Science Leader for the Vision Mātauranga science programme in conjunction with the Division of Sciences, University of Otago.

How and when do students learn of the decision?

Once the Selection Committee has made a decision applicants will be notified by email of their results, and any feedback from the Committee. The scholarship will be paid in monthly instalments following completion of a quarterly progress report by the student.

What conditions are attached to acceptance of this award?

- Scholarship recipients will be expected to sign a Postgraduate Scholarship Contract.
- Once the period of tenure of a scholarship has commenced, the Pro Vice Chancellor Sciences, University of Otago may, with sole discretion, grant a scholarship recipient a deferment of their scholarship for a period of up-to six months. In most cases such a deferment will coincide with a formal suspension from their enrolment in the Master's degree.
- Scholarship recipients shall be required to devote themselves full-time to their programme of research during the tenure of the scholarship and may not hold a position of employment without the approval of the Pro Vice Chancellor Sciences, University of Otago Approval may be given for scholarship recipients to undertake paid employment (usually tutoring) for up to a maximum of 10 hour per week.
- Each scholarship recipient and his/her principal supervisor shall provide a quarterly progress report to the Division of Sciences after the commencement of the scholarship. Where progress is not satisfactory, the matter will be referred to the Pro Vice Chancellor Sciences, University of Otago.
- The Pro Vice Chancellor Sciences, University of Otago may at any time suspend or terminate a scholarship, if the scholarship recipient is not diligently pursuing their programme of research, has violated the University Statute on Conduct, or has failed to comply with any of the terms and conditions on which the scholarship was awarded.

Who else has information about this award?

For more information about this award contact:

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