



University of Otago Doctorate in Medical Education Scholarship

Established in 2016 with funding from the Otago Medical School, this scholarship is intended to provide support for clinically qualified health care professionals with an interest in medical education to undertake research at PhD level. The research must be applicable to the enhancement of the Otago MB ChB programme. The scholarship will be awarded for a three-year period; part-time PhDs will be considered. The participants will perform medical educational research in their own educational setting at University of Otago campuses in Dunedin, Christchurch or Wellington, but associated sites e.g. Invercargill, Nelson, Palmerston North, Hawkes Bay will be considered provided satisfactory supervisory arrangements can be made.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- normally be a NZ citizen or NZ permanent resident
- hold a clinical health care discipline degree. Non-clinically qualified people with a strong background in Education may be considered but priority will be given to applicants from the first category
- provide confirmation that this is their first doctoral qualification
- be enrolled or intending to enrol for a PhD

Application Process

Every application for the scholarship must be submitted to the University of Otago Scholarships Office. The application date will be determined by the availability of the scholarship.

Every applicant must submit:

- a certified copy of their academic record
- evidence of eligibility for enrolment in postgraduate study at PhD level
- a short Curriculum Vitae including information on any current awards held
- a statement (maximum two pages) outlining their intended area of study, potential supervisors, study time-frame and future plans
- a statement of support from the proposed host department confirming their ability to host the student and their ability to provide or support supervision.

Selection Process

The selection panel will comprise three members of the University of Otago Medical School. Members and chair of the selection panel to be appointed by the Dean Otago Medical School. The following factors shall be considered in selecting the scholarship:

- the applicant's academic ability
- the applicant's proposed programme of research
- the applicant's potential for research and undertaking research applicable to the enhancement of the Otago MB ChB programme

- the applicant's career goals, plans and personal qualities.

Financial

The award carries a stipend of \$25,000 per annum for full-time study (pro-rata for part-time study) to a maximum of 3EFTS (equivalent full-time years) over a maximum of a six-year period. To be paid in equal monthly instalments upon enrolment in the PhD programme. The award will also pay for University of Otago tuition fees for full time study (pro-rata for part-time study) to a maximum of 3EFTS.

Tenure

- The scholarship may be held for a maximum of three years for full-time tenure and six years for part-time tenure providing satisfactory progress is being made. Progress reporting shall be in accordance with PhD reporting regulations. Upon submission of the thesis for examination, the scholarship shall cease.
- The scholarship may be held concurrently with other awards, provided current awards are declared in the application for this scholarship. Recipients of the scholarship will be required to seek approval from the University of Otago Medical School before applying for other awards during their scholarship tenure.
- The scholarship will only be awarded to one recipient at a time and so will only be offered to suitable candidates in such years as it is available.

Other Requirements

- The scholarship holder must submit copies of all completed PhD progress reports to the Chair of the Selection Panel for each year the scholarship is held. Failure to provide progress reports may result in the termination of the scholarship.
- The scholarship recipient's research is expected to produce publications for scientific journals and presentations for national and/or international scientific meeting(s). All publications and presentations arising from the work must acknowledge the scholarship.