



## The Robinson Dorsey Postgraduate Scholarship

*Established in 2017 by the Trustees of the Bridget James and Marion Robinson Charitable Trust, recognising the contributions of James and Marion Robinson to the University of Otago and wider community, in Physiology and Human Nutrition, and in particular, their concern that every student reaches their potential. It also remembers Rhoda Dorsey, President of Goucher College in Maryland USA, historian and avid supporter of education and personal development.*

*The Robinson Dorsey Postgraduate Scholarship was created to support postgraduate students who are returning to university study after a break, and/or who through their personal circumstances, are not eligible for usual scholarships.*

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be:

- A NZ citizen or NZ permanent resident
- enrolled or intending to enrol in a postgraduate diploma, honours degree, Master of Science or PhD degree in Physiology or Human Nutrition at the University of Otago
- returning to university study after a break, and/or who through their personal circumstances are not eligible for usual scholarships

### **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:

- An application form including a personal statement about their financial or social hardship
- A Curriculum Vitae
- A transcript for their most recent course of study
- Arrange for a reference from a referee to be sent to the Scholarships Office confidentially

### **Selection Process**

The shortlisting of applicants will be undertaken by a Shortlisting Committee, comprising the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Health Sciences (or nominee), the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Sciences (or nominee), the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships Prizes and Awards (or nominee), the Stewardship Officer, Development and Alumni Relations Office and a representative of the Donor.

The following factors shall be considered in selecting the scholarship:

- Personal hardship (financial or social) based on personal statement in the application form and external reference
- Potential to succeed in postgraduate study

- Admission into an eligible postgraduate programme is required but there is no prerequisite to obtain a specific grade over and above the programme admission requirement to be eligible for the scholarship. Academic merit relative to other applicants may however be taken into consideration

Selection shall alternate each year (or between available funds for distribution) between Human Nutrition and Physiology. If no suitable candidate is available from one department in any given round then applications from the other department may be considered.

### ***Financial***

The scholarship is valued at up to \$25,000 per year for full-time PhD study or \$13,000 per year for full-time Masters', Postgraduate Diploma or Honours study.

The Scholarship will be paid as a monthly stipend.

The value of the scholarship may be reviewed from time to time. The award is subject to annual funding by the Donor. Pending available funds, one scholarship shall be awarded per annum.

### ***Tenure***

The Scholarship will have a tenure of 3 years full-time for PhD study or 1 year full-time for other Postgraduate study.

The Scholarship can be held with part-time tenure, and the annual value and tenure will be pro-rated.

The Scholarship must be taken up within one year of being awarded unless otherwise agreed by the Shortlisting Committee.

The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship awarded for tuition fees only or for research or travel costs not associated with a living allowance.

### ***Other Requirements***

Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago.

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.