



The Tā Mason Durie Pae Ora Masters Scholarship

Established in 2019 by the University of Otago in partnership with Te Rau Ora, the Tā Mason Durie Pae Ora Masters Scholarship was created to support Māori students to study in the Mental Health and addictions system.

The Scholarship acknowledges and recognises the significant leadership and contributions that Tā Mason Durie has given to Māori health, Māori development, indigeneity and Māori futures over many years and reflects his belief that leadership is a shared enterprise rather than a dependence on one person alone and that, by working together, communities can develop and enact plans based on their own solutions.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident;
- able to meet the University of Otago's Māori ancestry verification requirements;
- enrolled at the University of Otago for the year of the award; and
- a current leader in the health sector or potential leader aspiring to work in Māori health leadership roles across the health, mental health and or the addiction system.

Application Process

Every applicant must submit:

- a curriculum vitae;
- a copy of their academic transcript if not an Otago student; and
- a reference.

Selection Process

The selection panel will include the Director of the Office of Māori Development or their nominee, a representative of Te Rau Ora, Tā Mason Durie and the Manager, Postgraduate Scholarships, Prizes and Awards or their nominee.

Applicants may be required to attend an interview at the request of the selection panel.

The following shall be considered in selecting the Scholarship:

- demonstrated leadership ability in Māori health and development; and
- academic performance that contributes to Māori mental health and addiction outcomes and future Māori wellbeing/Pae Ora.

Financial

- The scholarship is valued at \$15,000 per year plus a tuition fee waiver, excluding the Student Services Fee, for full-time Master's Research study for the thesis year only.
- The scholarship is valued at \$15,000 for one year plus a tuition fee waiver, excluding the Student Services Fee, for full-time Coursework Masters study. Where a Coursework Master programme is longer than one year in duration, the \$15,000 emolument will be pro-rated over the total programme length and the tuition fee waiver applied across the total programme.
- For part-time enrolment, the scholarship will be pro-rated.
- The value of the scholarship may be reviewed from time-to-time.

Tenure

- The Scholarship can be held with full-time or part-time tenure.
- The Scholarship must normally be taken up within one year of being awarded.
- The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship valued at more than \$7,500 that is designed to support living costs.

Other Requirements

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago.
- The University of Otago and Te Rau Ora reserve 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.