THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

WELCOME from the Vice-Chancellor

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your interest in this position at the University of Otago. I warmly welcome your interest in the University of Otago - an elite destination for the future of the world.

Our graduates hold positions of international significance, making world-class contributions to the advancement of health sciences. At Otago you can be part of this story.

With an excellent quality of life, Dunedin is ranked among the world's most beautiful campuses. The City of Dunedin is the capital city of the Otago region in the South Island, and many other iwi in the North Island. Otago has a deep-seated commitment to higher education and is a leading provider of education and research in health and medical sciences.

Alongside its focus on research and teaching, Otago combines the traditions of its proud history with modern scholarship. Otago has recently been granted the maximum possible five-star-plus quality rating from international ranking systems planning and contributing to national and international health policy. It has well-established partnerships with Ngāi Tahu iwi, enhancing opportunities for Māori, the indigenous people of New Zealand, including particularly close working relationships with the tangata whenua – the iwi people of the South Island, and many other iwi in the North Island.

At Otago you can be a collegial relationship with members of the administration, staff and students. You can provide leadership and to maintain and develop a productive working relationship with the Division of Health Sciences, the University’s overall best interests.

A commitment to consult widely within the Division, to provide leadership and to maintain a collegial relationship with members of the administration, staff and students.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Health Sciences reports directly to the Vice-Chancellor and is the Division’s senior academic and administrative leader with overall responsibility for the Division.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Health Sciences

Professor Harlene Hayne

ONZM, PhD, HonDSc, FRSNZ

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Further information is available from the University's website otago.ac.nz as well as a number of other publications including:

- The Annual Report: otago.ac.nz/about/official-documents
- He Kitenga Research Highlights: otago.ac.nz/hekitenga
- Otago Magazine: otago.ac.nz/otagomagazine
- University of Otago InBrief: otago.ac.nz/inbrief

The University of Otago
Te Whare Wānanga o Otago

The University of Otago is New Zealand's first university and one of its finest. Students can choose from more than 190 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and are taught by leaders in their fields. The high calibre of teaching at Otago is reflected by an unparalleled record of success in the country's Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards.

Research excellence underpins all academic activity: around 3,500 of the University's students study at the postgraduate level. Otago is the home of New Zealand's first medical school and only schools of dentistry and surveying. Otago also is New Zealand's only provider of Radiation Therapy and an undergraduate qualification in Neuroscience.

The University has leadership roles in national Centres of Research Excellence and partnership roles in all of the country's National Science Challenges. It also hosts 17 multidisciplinary research themes and 12 research centres, including two of the world's most highly regarded health and development longitudinal studies.

The teaching year generally runs from February to November, broken into two 13-week semesters. A number of programmes are offered via Distance Learning and a Summer School is held for six weeks during January and February.

In addition to research and teaching excellence, the University is committed through its Strategic Direction to 2020 to local, national and international betterment; strong external engagement; sustainable capability; providing outstanding student experiences and campus environments. The main campus is located in Dunedin – internationally recognised as one of the most beautiful campuses in the world – with significant health sciences campuses in Christchurch and Wellington, as well as a presence in Invercargill and Auckland. The University of Otago is also strategically committed to furthering the aspirations of Māori, and our Pacific neighbours, and has memoranda of understanding with a number of iwi, in particular Ngāi Tahu, the mana whenua of the University's main area of operation.

With more than 80 per cent of students coming from outside Dunedin, the University offers a unique campus-based lifestyle, a special feature of which are the 15 residential colleges located close to the heart of all University activities. Providing a world-class environment for students and staff is a priority and the University has embarked on a significant capital development programme in recent years. Otago was the first New Zealand university to achieve Fair Trade status and the recently established University Volunteer Centre is fostering a growing culture of volunteerism among staff and students.

The University of Otago includes four academic Divisions: Health Sciences, Humanities, Sciences, and Commerce. In 2017, the University had approximately 15,000 equivalent full-time students (EFTS) as undergraduates and 3,200 EFTS postgraduate students with the equivalent of over 4,250 full-time staff.

It is a leader across all fields of academic endeavour – the humanities, sciences, health sciences and business – regularly topping the New Zealand Tertiary Education Commission's education performance indicators.

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There are numerous areas of research expertise including:

• Hosting of two National Science Challenges; Ageing Well and Healthier Lives
• Partners in the Better Start National Science Challenge
• Co-host of a national CoRE; Brain Research New Zealand – Rangahau Roro Aotearoa
• Healthy housing
• Mental health
• Oral health
• Monitoring of medication use
• Cardiovascular disease
• Screening programme for stomach cancer
• Prevention and treatment measures for diabetes and obesity
• Biomedical and biological sciences.

Each campus has a large number of prestigious research groups. These include:

• Brain Health Research Centre
• Christchurch Heart Institute
• Centre for Neuroendocrinology
• Centre for Translational Cancer Research
• Edgar Diabetes and Obesity Research
• Genetics Otago
• New Zealand Centre for Sustainable Cities
• Sir John Walsh Institute for Oral Health
• Webster Centre for Infectious Diseases.

The Division of Health Sciences comprises schools of Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Dentistry, and Medicine. The Otago Medical School comprises four separate entities: Dunedin School of Medicine (DSM), University of Otago Wellington, University of Otago Christchurch, and the School of Biomedical Sciences. With our campuses in Dunedin, Christchurch and Wellington and multiple teaching hubs throughout the country, the Division of Health Sciences has a nationwide presence.

The head of the Division is the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (PVC). The Deans of the Schools are directly accountable to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Health Sciences, for the successful management of their School to achieve their own, the Divisional and the University’s objectives.

Within the Division's schools there are 37 academic departments providing 16 undergraduate qualifications and more than 50 postgraduate qualifications. Otago is New Zealand’s only provider of Dentistry, Radiation Therapy and an undergraduate qualification in Neuroscience, and one of two universities to offer Medicine, Pharmacy, and Physiotherapy.

The Division of Health Sciences has approximately 4,910 EFTS undergraduate and 1,350 EFTS postgraduate students. Of the 1,350 EFTS postgraduate students, 604 are PhD and other doctoral level and research degree students.

There are over 1,700 FTE staff in the Division, with nearly 1,000 of these being academic staff. Many staff in the Faculty of Medicine hold Joint Clinical Academic appointments with partner District Health Boards.

The Division of Health Sciences’ strength is seen in its diverse and successful research capabilities. Much of its research results in tangible benefits for New Zealand.
Position Description
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Division of Health Sciences

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Division of Health Sciences, is directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the development of the Division’s strategic plans and for preparing Divisional submissions for the University’s budget. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor is responsible to:

- Chancellor
- Deputy Vice-Chancellors
- Members of the Vice-Chancellor’s Advisory Group
- Chief Operating Officer
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Commercial)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Finance)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise)

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor will play an active role in promoting the needs of the Division in meeting its strategic objectives. Business and professional relationships with the Ministry of Health and its agencies, as well as the District Health Boards in order to effectively use those funds and maintain accountability for the funds to the Faculties and Schools, and ensuring expenditure against budgets.

Responsibility for the overall co-ordination, planning and budgeting cycles.

Successful performance of the functions outlined below:

(a) Promotion of the Division
(b) Management of Staff
(c) Management of Financial Resources
(d) Management of Physical Resources
(e) Capital Development
(f) Teaching and Learning
(g) Internationalisation
(h) Student Focus
(i) Commercial
(j) Relationships with Government Ministries and Agencies
(k) Management of Staff
(l) Wider University Committee Membership
(m) Relationships with Funding Agencies
(n) Management of Commercialisation Activities

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Dunedin grew rich on the back of the 1860s Otago gold rush, a wealth that is reflected today in streetscapes of outstanding Victorian and Edwardian architecture. With a population of around 120,000, this is a small but sophisticated city, boasting many of the amenities and cultural richness usually only found in much larger urban centres, while still retaining its traditional friendliness and ease of getting around.

In Dunedin there are professional theatres, outstanding art galleries, museums and libraries. Dunedin is also recognised as a UNESCO City of Literature. For those who enjoy sports, Dunedin offers world-class sporting facilities – including New Zealand’s only covered stadium. For those who enjoy the outdoors, Dunedin has beautiful beaches and internationally acclaimed wildlife sanctuaries. The world’s only mainland Royal albatross colony is located on the headland above Otago Harbour.

The heart of the city is lined with cafes and restaurants, and modern shopping complexes trade alongside interesting boutiques and a weekly farmers’ market that provides an outlet for much of the area’s first-rate produce. Housing is affordable, both to buy and rent. Thanks to the foresight of the early planners, there are many parks and green spaces, and outstanding views are common place from the city’s hillside suburbs.

Dunedin is also the gateway to Central Otago: the resort towns of Wanaka and Queenstown – New Zealand’s adventure capital – are just over three hours’ drive away. Skiing, snowboarding, boating, mountain-biking and wine tasting are just a few of the many activities to be enjoyed. However, it is education that is one of Dunedin’s most defining features and its major industry. This is a true student city. In addition to the University of Otago, the city hosts a thriving polytechnic and excellent pre-school, primary and secondary education facilities. University students, staff and their families comprise more than one quarter of the population of urban Dunedin, enriching the intellectual, cultural and sporting life of the city.

And, while Dunedin is located in the south of New Zealand, it is very well connected. The region has two international airports with direct flights to Australia, and is New Zealand’s first GigCity with one gigabit per second broadband services. Sister city relationships are fostered with Edinburgh (Scotland), Otraru (Japan) and Shanghai (China).

More information about living in Dunedin is available at dunedinnz.com/live-and-work/live.
Further Information

For further information about the position, the University, or New Zealand generally, the following sites may be of interest:

• The University: www.otago.ac.nz
• The Division: healthsciences.otago.ac.nz/
• University Policy: policy01.otago.ac.nz/policies/index.html
• Dunedin: www.cityofdunedin.com
• Schools in Dunedin: www.tki.org.nz/e/schools/
• Otago: www.otago.co.nz/
• Real Estate: www.realestate.co.nz/
• New Zealand: www.newzealand.com/International/
• Moving to New Zealand: www.newzealandnow.govt.nz/

The Division of Health Sciences is committed to its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi and the University’s Māori Strategic Framework.

Equity and Diversity

The Division is strongly committed to equity and diversity in staffing and encourages applications from women and other under-represented groups who are suitably qualified.

Date of Appointment

It is hoped that the appointee will be able to commence duties in mid-2018. Applicants are asked to state when they would be available.

Conditions of Appointment

The appointee will be expected to reside in Dunedin. An appropriate remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful applicant. The period of appointment will be five years with the possibility of renewal with the successful applicant.

Further Information
Application process

An executive search is being undertaken by Academic Search International (ASI) who will support the selection committee in identifying the widest field of suitable candidates.

Submitting an Application

The University seeks written documents from candidates wishing to apply for the role. Candidates are therefore required to provide:

- A CV
- A letter of application addressing the Person Specified
- 3-4 referee contact details, including telephone number and email address

Enquiries and applications should be directed to Sonia Pechner:
sonia.pechner@academic-search.net

References

Sonia Pechner
Executive Director
Academic Search International

Sonia Pechner is one of the founding Directors of Academic Search International. Since it started in 1999 she has led its strategic development. The focus is to establish the company as the leading specialist academic search firm in higher education in the Asia-Pacific region. Sonia has led a large number of search assignments, including searches across all disciplines for academic appointments (such as Professors, Associate Professors, and Directors of Research Centre and Institutes) and for senior executive positions such as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dean and Head of School. She has conducted a variety of searches worldwide, including international searches for clients overseas as well, notably in Australia, Fiji, Hong Kong, Singapore, Pakistan and the Middle East.

The Association of Executive Search Consultants invited Sonia to sit on its Asia-Pacific Council. She also sits on the Board of Trustees of the Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust.

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