About Us
The School of Pharmacy at the University of Otago is New Zealand’s oldest school of pharmacy. It has a strong commitment to excellence in teaching and research and is New Zealand’s top-ranked University for research quality in Pharmacy (2018 PBRF Quality Evaluation).

The Bachelor of Pharmacy (BPharm) and BPharm(Hons) are fully accredited by the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand and are recognised degrees by the Pharmacy Board in Malaysia and the Singapore Pharmacy Council.

We accept up to 30 international students into the second year of the BPharm under two categories: Direct-entry and Competitive.

Direct-entry: We accept a group of 10-15 high-performing international students directly into the Pharmacy programme at Year 1 – Health Science First Year (HSFY). This is restricted to outstanding students, based on their Pre-U performance, who wish to study only Pharmacy, and is restricted to students with recognised pre-university qualifications or who are completing the University of Otago Foundation Year. An overall IELTS of 6.0 or higher is required. These students progress to the second year of the programme provided they pass all first year papers.

Competitive: We accept other international students into the second year of the programme via the competitive entry pathway. These students enrol in HSFY and apply to enter into the second year in September (during their first year). At this time, they can also apply to be considered for other Health Sciences Undergraduate Professional Programmes (e.g., Dentistry, Physiotherapy). International students in this category would need to score an average grade of B- in HSFY to be considered for selection into the second year of the BPharm.

Applications
Applications for the Direct-entry category close on the 31st October 2019. A special Pharmacy application form is provided for this purpose. In addition, you need to make an online application via eVision for University admission. The online application should be made prior to submitting the Pharmacy application form together with other required English and academic results. Where final Pre-U results are not available, forecast or trial results should be submitted. Acceptances will be made on a rolling basis following application.

Other Information
It is an expectation that an international student who enters the programme in the Direct-entry category is committed to completing the BPharm degree. If, in the first year, the student applies for entry into the second year of another Health Sciences Professional Programmes (e.g. Dentistry, Physiotherapy) he/she will sacrifice his/her place in the Direct-entry category and will only be considered for the second year in the Competitive category.