

UC Aho Hīnātore | Accelerator Project Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	4 August
Whaipainga Value	NZ\$6,000
Wā roanga Tenure	The scholarship is tenable for 3 months
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Up to 70
Herenga tika Applicable programmes during tenure	The scholarship is tenable by students intending to study for the degree of PhD

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports students who have recently completed master's and Honours to gain research experience to assist in their transition to Doctoral studies at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Candidates must be currently studying at or recent graduates (within the last 5 years) of a New Zealand university.
- 2.2 Candidates must currently reside in New Zealand.
- 2.3 Students must be sufficiently academically qualified to secure admission to a PhD programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website by 4 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Up to 70 scholarships are available annually.
- 4.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit for the scholarship than there are scholarships available, fewer offers of the scholarship are made.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 The Central Postgraduate Research Committee make the awards based on the recommendations of the Academic Divisions research Committees. In reaching their decision Committees give equal consideration to:
- quality of the proposed research project and subsequent doctoral research; and
 - academic achievement; and
 - quality of the supervisory team; and
 - strategic objectives of the University.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of NZ\$6,000 for the 3-month research project.
- 6.2 A scholarship stipend is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, at the start and in the middle of a recipient's project.
- 6.3 The first stipend payment is made as soon as practicable after the recipient has accepted a scholarship offer, and begun their project.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 The scholarship must be taken up and the research project started by 1 April in the year following application.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable by full-time students engaged in a 3-month research project at the University.
- 7.3 Successful recipients of the scholarship will be expected to transition to a PhD programme at the University and will be offered a scholarship for this programme paying \$28,000 per 120 points of admission and tuition fees. Recipients should normally be enrolled in the PhD programme by 1 June in the year following their application for the scholarship. A recipient who is unable to enrol by this deadline must seek permission from the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research to take up the applicable scholarship at a later date. Without this permission the offer of the award is rescinded.
- 7.4 With the permission of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, but not otherwise, a scholarship is co-tenable with any other award. In granting such permission, conditions on a recipient's co-tenure may be imposed, such as reducing the amount of the stipend associated with the scholarship.
- 7.5 Recipients must inform the Scholarship Office immediately if they suspend, complete, or otherwise cease their enrolment in the PhD programme.
- 7.6 The scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered if, during tenure, the recipient does not:
- maintain an enrolment that meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2;
 - maintain satisfactory academic engagement;¹ and
 - adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

¹ For the University's definitions of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.