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Thanks for your support

Kia ora koutou,

Reflecting on 2025, there is much to be proud of.

As one of UC's valued philanthropic partners, your support played a pivotal role in empowering students to pursue their ambitions, advancing research solutions for complex challenges, and opening doors to opportunity in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world.

The stories in this report reflect the breadth and depth of that impact. From backing emerging engineering talent, to inspiring the next generation of scientists in Canterbury schools, to improving healthcare outcomes in the Pacific, your generosity created change that is yielding dividends across New Zealand and beyond. It is a powerful reminder that the impact of giving is not confined to one place; it travels through people, ideas, and communities across the globe.

Each act of generosity contributed to something greater: a collective force for good that supported students, fuelled innovation, and strengthened UC's global footprint.

Thank you for joining us on this path. I am deeply grateful for your support and for the impact we continue to create together.

Ngā mihi,



Thea Kleiber
Kaihautū | Director of Advancement



Backing talent, driving the future

David Dicker at the Rodin Cars facility in Mt Lyford

At UC, talent is everywhere. In workshops, labs and design spaces across campus, students are turning curiosity into capability and ambition into action. With donor support, they are being given the opportunity to go even further.

That is the spirit behind two new scholarships for undergraduate engineering students with a passion for motorsport, established through the generosity of David Dicker and Rodin Cars. For David, the idea is simple. **“New Zealand’s got the talent. We just need to back the ones who are willing to work for it,” he says. “We are proud to invest in the next generation of engineers and look forward to their impact on the industry.”**

Founded by David Dicker in 2016, Rodin Cars is a Canterbury motorsport

venture making waves in a globally lucrative industry. A lifelong enthusiast with a deep passion for high-performance engineering, Dicker’s vision is to build a vehicle that can outperform current Formula One cars.

But Rodin’s pursuit of excellence extends beyond building exceptional cars. Rodin is committed to supporting others to perform at their best, whether in motorsport, education, or community engagement.

At UC, that impact is already taking shape. Our students are building

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a strong reputation for innovation, creativity and excellence within the motorsport world. These new scholarships will help ensure students with passion and promise can pursue opportunities in their field, with fewer financial barriers standing in the way.

For recipient Jacob Chown-Mills, that support is deeply personal. “I have always known that engineering within the motorsport industry was my calling,” he says. “Being part of a team in a competitive sport where I can create new, innovative things that have never been seen before is my dream.”

When he received the news, everything shifted. “I remember calling my mum to tell her,” Jacob says. “It brought her to tears. We both knew that without this support, I would have had an extremely difficult time trying to fund the start of my career.”

The scholarship is doing more than easing financial pressure. “Receiving this support hasn’t just relieved the financial strain,” he says. “It has given me the opportunity to connect with a company at the top of the industry and shown me that my hard work will one day pay off.”

David also offers advice that speaks to the mindset behind this gift: “If you don’t understand something, ask. Find someone who knows. But to grow, you’ve got to love the work. Whether you’re on a racetrack or in a garage, you’ve got to want to be there.”

Thanks to David and Rodin Cars’ support, UC students are not only building the skills to succeed, but they are also being empowered to turn their talent into impact.

A close-up photograph of a young person with light-colored hair and black-rimmed glasses. They are looking directly at the camera through a complex molecular model made of black spheres and white rods. The background is blurred, showing other people in a classroom or lab setting.

UC initiative to inspire

the next generation of scientists

“Interest in science is declining among young New Zealanders,” explains Jack Swannell, Children’s University Programme Manager. Thanks to the Tait Foundation, a new Scientists in Schools programme is aiming to turn that around.

“We’re looking to plug a gap we’ve noticed with Year 9 and 10 students, a crucial stage for shaping future study choices,” says Swannell. “This programme connects school students and teachers with UC students and their mentors, to educate, inspire and make science exciting at a crucial stage of their learning.”

Scientists in Schools aims to strengthen STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education and inspire the next generation of scientists across Canterbury. At the heart of the Scientists in Schools programme is a three-way collaboration between UC students, academics, and secondary school teachers to co-develop authentic science experiences for high school students. Through classroom visits, curriculum support, and workshops, the programme showcases both real scientific practice and the diverse career pathways available for students.

One of the programme’s designers, Professor Ben Kennedy from the UC School of Earth and Environment says, “Scientists in Schools is a ‘win-win-win’. UC students gain real-world science communication skills; school teachers get support to deliver experiential lessons; and school students explore science in ways they wouldn’t normally have access to. It’s about making science relatable, useful and exciting, and it’s not just for future scientists, but for every young person who’ll need scientific literacy in their lives.”

The programme prioritises low socio-economic schools with limited STEM opportunities to broaden participation and encourage students to see science as a future career choice. It also ensures UC

undergraduate science students receive specialist training in science communication and mentoring, delivered through UC’s Professional and Community Engagement programme, which develops leadership, employability, and community engagement skills.

Established in 2025, Scientists in Schools received three years of funding from the Tait Foundation, providing the stability needed to refine and expand the programme’s impact. A growing library of resources and evidence-based teaching practices is also being developed as part of the initiative.

“As New Zealand grapples with skills shortages in STEM fields, initiatives like this play a vital role in improving science literacy nationwide,” Swannell says. “By connecting young people with science in authentic, engaging ways, we can inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators.”



About the Tait Foundation

Established in 1994, the Tait Foundation exists to help fulfil Sir Angus Tait’s vision of encouraging a vibrant community of technology companies in Christchurch. The organisation’s core charitable activity is to provide grants that support STEM subject initiatives at all levels of education, with a focus on Christchurch and Canterbury.

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PROFESSOR BEN KENNEDY



Collective
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Students working alongside Tongan technicians to install, troubleshoot, and train staff on donated 3D printing equipment

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— MATISSE LASKEY

When a community comes together behind a shared mission, the impact can be extraordinary.

That shared mission was at the heart of UC’s Biomedical Engineering Service Trip to Tonga in January 2026, made possible by donor support raised throughout 2025. Through that generosity, students and staff were able to work alongside local partners to strengthen healthcare in practical, lasting ways.

The reason for going was clear. Across Tonga, as in many Pacific nations, hospitals and health centres rely heavily on donated medical equipment from supporters around the world. Yet despite good intentions, these donations do not always arrive ready to use. Equipment may be damaged, incomplete, or missing parts, and even usable devices often need testing, repair, and calibration before they can be sent to the places they are needed most. This is where the programme seeks to contribute.

“The challenge in Tonga,” Associate Professor Debbie Munro explains, “is not simply a shortage of equipment, but the complexity of making donated equipment usable.” UC students and staff contributed

where they were most needed, with technical training, cultural preparation, and a strong commitment to working in partnership with Tongan biomedical technicians, healthcare staff, and the wider community.

On the ground, that support was translated into practical action. Working with local staff, students helped sort through more than 20 shipping containers of donated equipment and consumables, restored ventilators for use in hospital and outer island settings, repaired enough autoclaves for every health centre to have one, and donated a 3D printer and filament so local technicians could begin making replacement parts on site. At every stage, the focus was on building local capability, confidence, and self-sufficiency for the future.

For students, the experience was equally transformative. Liam Bately, a final year Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering student at UC who helped organise the trip, described it as “technically and personally life-changing.” He reflected on the importance of seeing engineering in its human context. Working directly alongside technicians and healthcare staff showed students how engineering decisions affect real people, and how durable solutions can make a real difference in low-resource settings.

As participant Matisse Laskey says, “It was important to consider how our work fits into a larger system of aid and donations. Collaboration with the community was essential for the sustainability of this programme. Everyone we met was radically generous, and it quickly became clear how vital community and relationships are in Tongan culture.”

Special thanks:

The students and academics are grateful to all donors who made this humanitarian project possible. The next group leaves for Tonga in January 2027 with renewed commitment to making a difference.



The 2026 Tonga Biomedical Engineering Service Trip team with local community members

Lumin forging new pathways in dynamic tech sector



UC student interns Jacob Crume (left) and Hugh Thompson (right)

Support from Lumin through internships, employment pathways, and the newly established Lumin Undergraduate Scholarship is creating meaningful opportunities for UC students while strengthening Aotearoa New Zealand's growing technology sector.

Founded by UC Engineering graduate Max Ferguson, Christchurch-based global software company Lumin has a clear vision: to build world-class technology from right here in Ōtautahi, powered by UC talent. With more than 130 million users across its products, Lumin continues to scale globally while choosing to invest in local research and development and the next generation of graduates.

At the heart of this commitment is a belief in the quality of UC students. Ferguson credits his UC Engineering studies for providing him with the fundamental toolkit needed to problem-solve and innovate, foundations that helped fuel Lumin's rapid growth in response to skyrocketing demand. He sees that same capability in the graduates joining his team today. "UC is our engine room for talent," he says. "It allows us to stay local while competing on a global stage."

The scholarship is designed to remove financial barriers and support high-potential students by providing both financial assistance and a pathway to paid summer employment, helping students gain valuable industry experience while they study.

For students like Hugh Thompson and Jacob Crume, this support is already making a tangible difference. Through their internships with Lumin, they have contributed to research and development projects, gaining exposure to emerging technologies and the future direction of the sector.

"I'm so grateful to have had this opportunity," says Thompson. "We've been looking at the future and where developing trends in technology are taking us. It's cool to be at the forefront of that."

Experiences like these go beyond technical skill development. Students are immersed in real-world environments, participating in code reviews and working alongside highly experienced teams. In doing so, they build the confidence and practical skills that give them a competitive edge as sought-after engineers.

For Ferguson, investing in UC students is also about the future of the region. "By providing financial support and a pathway to employment, we want to help keep New Zealand's best talent in the sector," he says. His vision is for Christchurch to be a thriving technology hub, where graduates know they can stay, grow and work on cutting-edge software without leaving the country.

By backing UC talent, Lumin is helping to build a strong pipeline of skilled graduates while reinforcing the value of keeping innovation local. The impact extends beyond individual students to the wider community, supporting economic growth and positioning Christchurch as a centre for global technology development.

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A legacy of light

HONOURING HELEN FARLEY
THROUGH THE POWER OF GIVING

Through the generosity of family, friends, and colleagues, the Helen Farley Whakatutukitanga Prize has been established to carry forward the remarkable legacy of Professor Helen Farley.

This collective act of giving is a powerful reflection of the lives she touched and ensures her work will continue to inspire and support students for generations to come.

Helen was Director of the Criminal Justice programme in the Faculty of Law at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury. She was a much-loved member of our community, known for her warmth, immense positivity, and deep care for others. She was also widely respected for her commitment to prison education, particularly for women.

An exceptional educator and advocate, Helen believed in the power of education to create meaningful change. She championed access for those often excluded from traditional pathways and brought that commitment into everything she taught.

At UC, Helen reimaged how students engage with criminal justice. Drawing on her experience at Ara Poutama Aotearoa | Department of Corrections, she designed learning that connected students directly with the realities of the sector. Her teaching combined academic rigour with real-world experience, including engagement with justice professionals, practical learning opportunities, and pathways into internships and volunteering. Her innovative approach earned her a University of Canterbury Excellence in Teaching Award in 2023, alongside national recognition for excellence and innovation.

A defining feature of her teaching was her collaboration with the Happy You Theatre Company. Through powerful, lived-experience storytelling, students explored the human realities



▲ Helen Farley

of the justice system, including the different experiences of Māori and Pākehā. These moments brought complex ideas to life and helped students understand not just the system, but their place within it.

This approach had a lasting impact. Students achieved stronger academic outcomes and, more importantly, developed a clear sense of purpose. As one student shared: **“This has made me feel more connected to the real-world challenges in criminal justice... I now have a clearer vision of my career path and what I need to work on.”**

Helen’s influence continues through the students she inspired, the programmes she shaped, and the colleagues she worked alongside. Reflecting on her impact, Executive Dean of Law, Professor Petra Butler, shared:

“Helen was an exceptional colleague and a truly gifted educator. She inspired both students and staff to think differently about justice, inclusion, and the role education can play in changing lives.”

Through the Helen Farley Whakatutukitanga Prize, her legacy lives on, empowering future students to follow in her footsteps and make a meaningful difference in the world.

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— PROFESSOR PETRA BUTLER

Big ideas. Three minutes. Real-world impact.



Each year, the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition at the University of Canterbury brings postgraduate research to life.

The challenge is simple, but far from easy: students must distil years of complex research into a clear, compelling three-minute presentation, using just one static slide. In doing so, they transform specialist knowledge into stories that anyone can understand, showing

how their work connects to the world beyond the university.

Donor support helps make this lively and meaningful competition possible. Through 3MT, students gain more than a moment on stage. They build confidence, strengthen their public speaking and storytelling skills, and learn how to communicate the value of their research to wider communities, decision-makers and future collaborators.

In the following profiles, you will meet three winners from the 2025 UC 3MT competition: Lauren Hitt, Jess Love, and Muhammad Luqman. Their research spans native ecosystem protection, youth voices, and sustainable solutions for industry, reflecting both the breadth of ideas being explored at UC and the passion of the students driving them forward.



Kōaro fish
Photo credit: Angus McIntosh

The Diary of Kōaro, a Native Fish



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Lauren Hitt

Some of the most important research begins by paying close attention to what is already here. For Lauren Hitt, that means kōaro, one of Aotearoa New Zealand's native freshwater fish.

Lauren's research examines how the ecology and life history of kōaro differ in lakes with and without introduced fish species. It asks a question with major implications for conservation: what happens to native species when ecosystems are altered by human decisions of the past, and how can we respond wisely now?

What drew Lauren to this work was both urgency and curiosity. "There's a lot we still don't understand," she says, "and that mystery keeps me coming back." Kōaro are especially compelling because they do not always behave as expected. Although they are known as one of New Zealand's whitebait species, some populations are found in isolated lakes and ponds

with no obvious connection to the sea. For Lauren, these "wild, wacky little populations in the most unexpected places" reveal just how much there is still to learn.

The relevance of this work lies in the growing pressure on freshwater ecosystems. Introduced fish species have reduced native biodiversity and affected water quality in some New Zealand lakes, contributing to the growing threats facing several native fish species. Lauren's research is helping build a clearer picture of how kōaro respond in different lake systems and why that matters for future conservation. As she puts it, "some populations may be disappearing without anyone noticing."

Better ecological understanding leads to better conservation practice. It helps decision-makers understand where interventions may be needed, which lake systems are most vulnerable and what it will take to protect native species in a changing environment. Lauren also hopes her work will build greater recognition of kōaro themselves. "They're found nowhere else in the world," she says, "and they deserve the same sense of identity and care that we give to so many of our other native species."

In that sense, Lauren's research is not only about one fish. It is about how Aotearoa cares for its freshwater taonga.

My Voice Matters



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Jess Love

Some research changes the future by changing who gets heard.

Jess Love's research focuses on the experiences of learning-disabled young people and asks a powerful question: do they believe their transition from school has truly prepared them for a successful future?

For Jess, that question is both academic and deeply personal. Growing up alongside her autistic

younger brother, and later working as a specialist teacher, she saw first-hand how often young people were spoken about rather than listened to.

"We should ask the young person whether they consider their life successful, rather than letting others judge them against arbitrary standards," Jess says.

Her research shifts the focus back to the people living within these systems every day. By listening to young people with learning disabilities, Jess is exploring what support, inclusion, and meaningful transition really look like from their perspective. "These young people are experts in their own lives," she says.

A key strength of her work is its inclusive methodology. Jess is developing ways for young people to share their experiences in forms that suit them best, including sign, body language, and alternative communication tools. In doing so, she is helping build more accessible approaches to research itself.

The relevance is immediate and practical. The move from school into adult life can shape confidence, independence, and opportunity for years to come. Jess hopes her research will help educators, schools, whānau, and policymakers better understand where transition pathways are working and where they are falling short.

"The transition from school into adult life is a crucial time," Jess says. "This is when young people need support to build connections that will help them contribute to society and live their lives with purpose and passion."

Looking ahead, Jess's work has the potential to influence both practice and policy, helping create transition processes that are more inclusive, more responsive, and more grounded in lived experience. This is how research changes the future: not only by producing new knowledge, but by reshaping the way institutions listen, design, and act.



The Magic of Purple Bacteria

Muhammad Luqman's research begins with a simple but powerful shift in perspective: dairy wastewater is not just a waste product, but a resource with untapped potential. Inspired by his connection to agriculture and a growing interest in soil science and environmental microbiology, Muhammad's work explores how it can be transformed into something valuable. Using purple phototrophic bacteria, he focuses on recovering nutrients and producing biomass that can be used as a biofertiliser. The idea behind the project is clear: with the right science, these problems can be turned into sustainable solutions.

Its importance is practical as well as environmental. Dairy wastewater contains high levels of nutrients and organic matter, and if released untreated, it can damage waterways and ecosystems. Recovering those nutrients before

that happens is where Muhammad's research comes in.

Muhammad is motivated by that potential for change. "What excites me most is the idea of transformation," he says, "taking something considered waste and turning it into a valuable product." Instead of treating it only for disposal, Muhammad's work points to ways nutrients can be recovered and reused in agriculture, reducing pollution while supporting more sustainable farming practices. As he puts it, "this is not just a laboratory concept, it has the potential to be scaled up and used in industries globally."

At a broader level, Muhammad hopes his research shifts how people think about waste itself. **"I hope people begin to see waste differently," he explains, "not as something to discard, but as something with hidden value."**



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Muhammad Luqman

That perspective speaks to the wider promise of research at UC: finding smarter, more sustainable ways to meet the challenges of the future. Thanks to a PhD scholarship, Muhammad has the opportunity to fully dedicate himself to work that could benefit both agriculture and the environment.

Building brighter futures for families

For Murray and Margaret Turley, supporting the Rose Centre began through a conversation with a trusted friend, Graham Ewing. What they discovered was a place with a clear purpose: improving life for people living with swallowing disorders.

At the Centre, they learned about people working towards milestones many take for granted: children who had never eaten a meal with their family because they could not swallow safely, and adults rebuilding their speech after a stroke.

One story that particularly resonated was Levi's. Levi had experienced challenges with eating safely, limiting the foods he could enjoy and affecting everyday family life. Following specialist assessment at the Rose Centre, Levi was able to safely try new foods and continue developing swallowing skills.

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We knew we could make a bigger difference by bringing other people with us. Every person who understands the impact of this work becomes part of the story and helps that support reach even further.”

—
MURRAY TURLEY

“Levi is non-verbal but there was no hiding the delighted squeal of happiness as I gave him a banana and chocolate muffin,” says his mum, Loz. “We are so excited about his future and the food that he can now eat. This brings ‘normality’ to our lives as a family and the potential for Levi to develop and grow.”

“When you see a child making progress like that, it becomes very real,” Margaret says. “You understand just how important this support is for families and how impactful it can be.”

Inspired by stories like Levi's, Murray and Margaret not only gave generously, but encouraged close friends to join them in backing the Rose Centre. Together, alongside a substantial grant from the Lindsay Foundation, their contribution helped make the Rosebud Clinic possible, bringing specialist care to more children and families facing complex challenges.

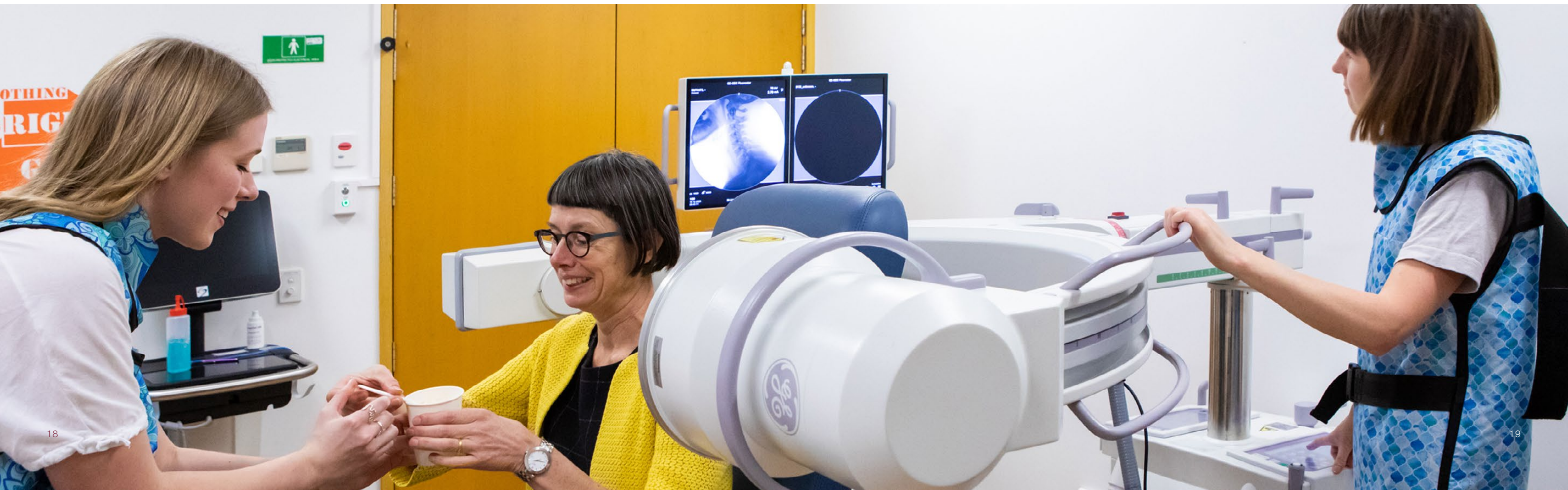
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▲ Margaret and Murray Turley

with us,” Murray says. “Every person who understands the impact of this work becomes part of the story and helps that support reach even further.”

“The Turleys, along with other steadfast donors, have helped expand the Rose Centre's clinical services, support postgraduate researchers, fund research efforts, and build strong collaborations across both clinical and research pathways,” says Rose Centre Director and Associate Professor, Phoebe Macrae.





A lasting legacy of opportunity



As my time as Vice-Chancellor of Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury draws to a close, I am reminded of the profound difference generosity makes.

In 2025, the far-reaching impact of philanthropy and community support has been especially clear. Scholarships and donor support have enabled students to access education and experiences that may otherwise have been out of reach, opening pathways to achievement and confidence in their futures.

What is particularly inspiring is how these opportunities prepare students not only to succeed personally, but to contribute meaningfully to the world around them. Partnerships that connect students with industry give them real-world experiences and prepare them with the right skills and attributes to succeed. Collaborations with companies such as Lumin demonstrate the value of bringing education and enterprise together, helping students build skills, confidence, and pathways into meaningful work.

Through the work of our students and staff, the University's influence also extends well beyond Christchurch and New Zealand.

Our Biomedical Engineering students in Tonga are applying their skills to practical healthcare challenges, demonstrating both technical excellence and a deep commitment to service. Together, these articles show how generosity creates opportunity, advances knowledge, and strengthens communities in enduring ways.

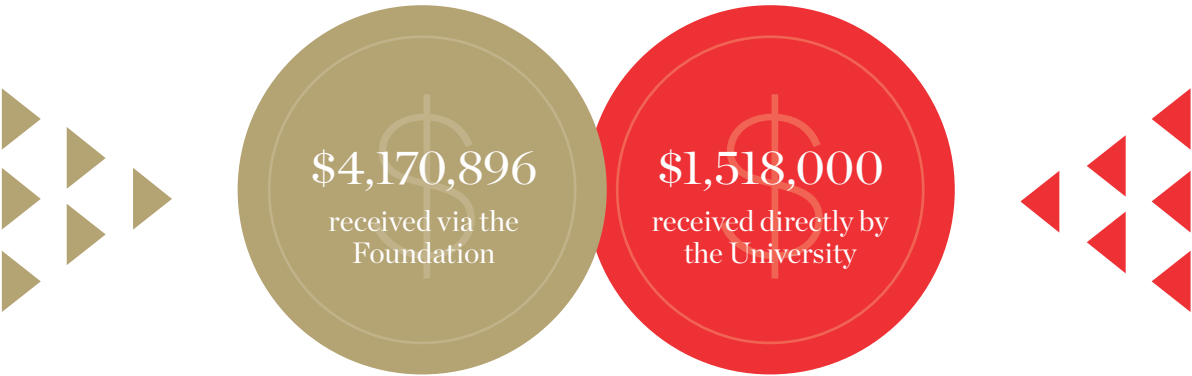
As Vice-Chancellor, I have seen firsthand the profound difference philanthropy makes in the lives of our students, researchers, and communities. I am deeply grateful for your generosity and the trust you have placed in the University over many years. Your support gives me great confidence in the University's future and in the next generation of students, researchers, and leaders who will carry this legacy forward.

Ngā mihi,

Professor Cheryl de la Rey
Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor

Financial Report

In 2025, the University of Canterbury received \$5,688,896 in gifts and donations.



Support in
action

\$33,172,047
SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

\$1,187,390
PRIZES AWARDED

\$75,458,000
EXTERNAL RESEARCH INCOME

Supporting students
UC offers a wide range of scholarships, grants, prizes and awards, helping students at all levels of study access opportunities, continue their education and be recognised for their achievements.

Advancing research
External research income supports UC researchers to investigate complex challenges, build partnerships and contribute knowledge that makes a difference in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

University of Canterbury Foundation audited financial report

Summary statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

For the year ended 31 December 2025	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Total philanthropic revenue	4,170,896	16,885,871
Distributions	(3,565,370)	(3,908,626)
Operating expenditure	(333,175)	(336,423)
Net operating surplus/(deficit)	272,351	12,640,822
Investment revenue	1,945,553	1,891,479
Fair value unrealised gains less losses	2,342,068	2,994,127
Net surplus and total comprehensive revenue and expense	4,559,972	17,526,428

Consolidated summary statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2025	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Equity at the beginning of the year	59,697,906	42,171,478
Operating surplus for the year	4,559,972	17,526,428
Equity at the end of the year	64,257,878	59,697,906

Consolidated summary statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2025	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Current assets	9,870,070	17,582,486
Non-current assets	55,578,850	43,804,282
Current liabilities	(1,191,043)	(1,688,862)
Equity at end of year	64,257,877	59,697,906

* Figures are taken from the Foundation's and the University's audited 2025 financial statements; however, this summary itself has not been audited. They are provided to give interested persons a succinct overview of the Foundation's financial performance. Additional Information may be requested from Thea Kleiber, Director of Advancement, University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch 8140.



United at UC

Important connections begin at UC. From chance meetings to lasting friendships and lifelong partnerships, the relationships formed here can shape lives long after graduation.

From first glance to forever



Anthony first noticed Suzanne in the upstairs lounge of the Student Union building, later known as the Dux de Lux, where a game of cards marked the start of their relationship.

He recalls thinking she was “rather glam” and out of his league. With little money, most of their early dates were walks through the

Botanic Gardens, where conversation mattered more than anything else. Suzanne was a dedicated student, while Anthony balanced study with music and theatre, but those years set the direction for their lives.

Suzanne later returned to UC to complete her MBA, graduating with Distinction and going on to

become the MBA Director and lead the programme to international accreditation. She has since passed away, but her impact remains closely tied to UC.

“I was immensely proud of Suzanne. UC was where so much of that journey began.”

From PhD to I Do



Steph Kaefer and Jorge Bolaños Lopez met at UC while working part-time at UC International College.

Introduced to collaborate on a project, they soon realised they were both PhD candidates with offices in the same building. What began as a working relationship became part of their daily routine of shared lunches, quick visits between offices, and long days on campus. Coming from different backgrounds, with Steph from Canterbury and

Jorge an international student, they built a relationship shaped by different perspectives and shared experiences.

After four years that included completing their PhDs and graduating side by side, they are returning to UC to get married on the green outside their former offices.

“UC shaped so much of our life together. Getting married there feels like coming full circle.”

Accounting for friendship



Anna Tam and Virginia Breen met in their final year at UC, studying accounting at a time when few women were entering the field.

Anna was completing her Bachelor of Commerce full-time, while Virginia had moved from Timaru to study on campus. They quickly found they shared similar personalities and interests, forming a connection that carried beyond the classroom. What began in lectures became a lasting friendship built on common ground and joy in each other's company.

Over the years, life has taken them to different places, but they have stayed connected through shared interests and a commitment to keeping in touch. They continue to return to UC together for alumni events, reflecting on how much has changed since their student days, and how much has stayed the same.

"Make every effort to keep in touch."



Turning passion into action

Ben Scales and William Murrell met at UC through a shared curiosity about technology and a drive to build things.

A group project quickly showed how well they worked together. Their skills complemented each other, and they built a level of trust that made collaboration easy. That connection deepened during an assignment to create a product from waste materials. Given cabbage tree



leaves, they began exploring natural fibre composites and the potential of harakeke.

What started as a university project became an obsession. Having both grown up close to nature, they shared a belief that engineering and the environment could work together in new ways. That idea became the foundation of KiwiFibre.

With support from UC programmes like the Entre \$85k Challenge and the Summer Startup Programme, they developed their idea into a venture. Today, they have scaled from building their first product on a barbeque to working with industrial machinery.

"Obsess over a problem and solve it for a customer. The rest follows."

Engineered to last

The Third Pro Civil Engineering Class of '69 formed bonds that have lasted more than 50 years.

They studied together in labs, played sport, and built a close-knit community beyond lectures. The academic pressure of a pass or fail system, combined with shared daily experiences, created lasting connections.

Reunions, first organised by a small group, became an enduring tradition. Today, they remain a space to reconnect, share life updates, and remember those no longer there.

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I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Te Reo Māori and Māori & Indigenous Studies. Graduating represents a commitment to reclaiming and revitalising the language and knowledge of my tīpuna. Since completing my degree, I have continued my Te Reo Māori journey through full immersion study at Te Wānanga Takiura. My long term aspiration is to contribute to the governance and development of Te Rūnaka o Koukourarata and Kāi Tahu, supporting the wellbeing, language, culture, and future aspirations of the Kāi Tahu Whanui.