

Admiral Sir Gordon Tait University Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	15 August
Whaipainga Value	\$4,500 per annum
Wā roanga Tenure	Three years. Recipients in a four-year programme may apply for a fourth year of tenure.
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	One
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment in an undergraduate degree programme at the University.

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship supports ex-pupils of Timaru Boys' High School who have demonstrated all-round excellence and financial need, to complete a programme for an undergraduate degree at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

Applicants must either:

- a. be currently enrolled at Timaru Boys' High School;
- or, in the case of a gap year,¹
- b. have been enrolled at Timaru Boys' High School in the year immediately prior to the year of application.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website² by 15 August.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

4.1 One scholarship is available annually.

4.2 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera | University Council on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee); and
- b. the Rector of Timaru Boys' High School, who will have consulted the following:
 - i. a senior staff member of Timaru Boys' High School, appointed by the staff; and

- ii. an Old Boy of Timaru Boys' High School, appointed by the Timaru Boys' High School Old Boys' Association.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:

- a. academic achievement;
- b. leadership potential;
- c. involvement in sport, cultural, and/or community activities; and
- d. financial need.

5.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship is offered.

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$4,500 per annum.

6.2 The scholarships are paid as soon as practicable after:

- a. the final dates on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course;³ and
- b. confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 7.2.

6.3 The scholarship is paid in one of three ways:

- a. If, in a year of tenure, a recipient must pay tuition fees, the scholarship is paid in that year to the recipient's University fees account.
- b. If, in a year of tenure, no tuition fees are payable, and in that year a recipient will be living in a hall of residence recognised by the University,⁴ the scholarship is credited to the recipient's accommodation fees account.
- c. If neither tuition nor fees for a hall recognised by the University⁴ are payable, the scholarship is paid by direct credit to a recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.

7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment in an undergraduate degree programme at the University.

7.3 The scholarship is tenable for three years. Recipients who are enrolled in a four-year programme may apply to the donor (or representative) for a fourth year of tenure in that programme. Such applications must be made in the third year of tenure, through the University of Canterbury Scholarships Office.

7.4 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.⁵

7.5 If, during tenure, the recipient's enrolment no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2, the scholarship may be withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

7.6 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

Philippa, Lady Tait, established the scholarship in 2008 in memory of Admiral Sir Gordon Tait KCB, DSC (1921–2005), who was a pupil at Timaru Boys' High School from 1935 to 1939, and the son of AG Tait, Rector of the school from 1935 to 1947. Admiral Tait had a long career with the Royal Navy, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for courage and coolness in action while serving on HM Submarine *Taurus* in the Mediterranean. In 1978 he was promoted to Admiral and at the same time was made a Freeman of the City of London. Retiring to Auckland, Admiral Tait became involved in public work, charring community trusts, and charity.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ For the University's definition of *gap year* see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

² www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

³ For the final dates on which students may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/keydates/course-dates/>.

⁴ For a list of the halls of residence recognised by the University, see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/life/accommodation/halls/>.

⁵ The Admiral Sir Gordon Tait University Scholarship qualifies as a tuition-fees scholarship with regard to determining co-tenability with other awards. If another award does not permit co-tenure with tuition fees scholarships, co-tenure of that award with the Admiral Sir Gordon Tait University Scholarship is not possible, regardless of which payment method for the Admiral Sir Gordon Tait University Scholarship is applicable.