

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	None. No application is required: the GRI scholarship is awarded in conjunction with the UC Doctoral Scholarship and the UC Doctoral Scholarship for Students for Disabilities.
Whaipainga Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$7,000 per annum¹ • Grants for travel and other costs up to a value of \$4,000 per annum¹
Wā roanga Tenure	The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment. ²
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	One
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment during tenure	The scholarship is tenable during full-time or part-time enrolment in a programme for a PhD involving a research project approved by the Geospatial Research Institute <i>Toi Hangarau</i> (GRI) and undertaken in association with the GRI.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates must have been approved by the GRI Director for undertaking, in association with the GRI, one of the PhD research projects advertised by the GRI.³ • Candidates must have been offered one of the following scholarships, to support study in a GRI research project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A UC Doctoral Scholarship⁴ ○ A scholarship associated with the UC Doctoral Scholarship⁵ ○ A UC Doctoral Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship supports PhD students associated with the Geospatial Research Institute *Toi Hangarau* (GRI) at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Candidates must have received an offer of admission to a programme for a PhD at the University.

2.2 Candidates must have been approved by the GRI Director for undertaking, in association with the GRI, one of the PhD research projects advertised by the GRI.³

2.3 Candidates must have been offered one of the following scholarships, to support study on a GRI research project:

- a. A UC Doctoral Scholarship⁴
- b. A scholarship associated with the UC Doctoral Scholarship⁵
- c. A UC Doctoral Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

An application for a UC Doctoral Scholarship⁴ and/or a UC Doctoral Scholarship for Students with Disabilities, and the granting of approval by the GRI Director for undertaking one of the PhD research projects advertised by the GRI,³ constitute an application for this scholarship. No separate application is required.

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);
- b. the Director of the GRI (or nominee); and
- c. the Manager of the GRI (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee, in consultation with the GRI Research Leadership Team, gives equal consideration to:

- a. academic achievement;
- b. the quality of the institution and programme pertaining to the applicant's qualifying degree(s); and
- c. prior relevant research experience, research publications, and other outputs.

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 \$7,000 per annum.¹ In addition, grants are available for travel and other research-related costs up to a value of \$4,000 per annum.¹ Any unspent portion of the grants allowance cannot be transferred to the next year of study.

6.2 The scholarship stipend and any grants are paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account. The stipend is paid in equal instalments, one in each semester of tenure. The grants, in the form of reimbursement for relevant and appropriate costs for travel and other research-related costs, are made on application to the recipient's Senior Supervisor or to the Director of the GRI (or nominee).

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

7.1 Recipients must accept any offer of a UC Doctoral Scholarship,⁴ a scholarship associated with the UC Doctoral Scholarship,⁵ or a UC Doctoral Scholarship for Students with Disabilities, to support study in a GRI research project.

7.2 Normally, the Geospatial Research Institute *Toi Hangarau* PhD Scholarship must be taken up within three months of the date of the offer of that scholarship.

7.3 The scholarship is tenable during full-time or part-time enrolment in a programme for a PhD involving a research project approved by the GRI and undertaken in association with the GRI.

7.4 The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.

7.5 The scholarship is co-tenable with a UC Doctoral Scholarship, a scholarship associated with the UC Doctoral Scholarship,⁵ or a UC Doctoral Scholarship for Students with Disabilities. The Geospatial Research Institute *Toi Hangarau* PhD Scholarship is also co-tenable with any other award, unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7.6 By accepting the award, recipients:

- a. indicate that they are willing to be active and engaged members of the GRI research community, including through participation in seminars; and
- b. agree to location within the GRI facilities for the duration of their scholarship tenures.

7.7 Recipients are required during tenure of the scholarship to submit six-monthly progress reports to the GRI Manager, who consults with the Research Leadership Team with regard to continuation of tenure under the terms of clause 7.9.

7.8 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the years of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.3, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

7.9 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

The GRI established the scholarship in 2019. The GRI is a research institute at the University of Canterbury that is affiliated with the College of Science. The GRI is a world-class institute of interdisciplinary geospatial expertise in New Zealand by linking academia, government, and business. Its mission is to provide a national centre of gravity for geospatial research, in order to provide the underpinning research that enables New Zealand to more fully realise the benefits of spatial information technology.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ The scholarship stipend and maximum value of the grants are pro-rated if the recipient is enrolled for fewer than 120 points in any year.

² In the case of a recipient either already enrolled for a PhD degree at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, or transferring from a doctoral programme at another university to complete a PhD programme at the University, the term of the stipend and grants is reduced by any period in excess of 60 points that the recipient has already completed for the degree at the time that the scholarship is conferred.

³ For the list of GRI research projects see <https://geospatial.ac.nz/scholarships>.

⁴ Those applying for admission to a doctoral programme at the University are asked whether they wish to be considered for the UC Doctoral Scholarship and associated scholarships. Students who indicate that they wish to be considered are assessed for the scholarships upon gaining admission to a doctoral programme. No further application is necessary.

⁵ Scholarships associated with the UC Doctoral Scholarship are the Brownlie Scholarship, the Canterbury Scholarship, the Ngata Centenary Scholarship, the Roper Scholarship in Science, the UC Matariki Doctoral Scholarship, and the UC Pasifika Doctoral Scholarship.