

Keith Laugesen Scholarship

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	15 October. The scholarship is available approximately every third year.
Value	\$24,500 per 120 points of enrolment
Tenure	Up to 360 points of enrolment
Number available	There may be only one holder at a time.
Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment for a PhD in Engineering or Science
Special requirements	Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.

1. Purpose

The scholarship supports Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) students in Engineering and Science at the University of Canterbury.

2. Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.
- 2.2 Applicants must be current or intending PhD students in Engineering or Science at the University.
- 2.3 Students may not take up the scholarship until any non-academic requirements for the qualifying degree have been completed and credited. Offers of scholarships to candidates whose qualifying degree is the BE(Hons) from the University of Canterbury are conditional on the completion and crediting of ENGR 200 no later than 12 months after the formal offer of a place in a doctoral programme has been accepted.

3. Application process

- 3.1 The scholarship is available approximately every third year.
- 3.2 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website¹ by 15 October in years that the scholarship is available.

4. Selection criteria

- 4.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee (see clause 5.2) considers:
 - a. academic achievement; and
 - b. potential to make a contribution to research in Engineering or Science.
 Preference may be given to applicants who can demonstrate that the benefits of their research would flow to the Canterbury area.

4.2 If, in any year that the scholarship is available, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship is awarded.

5. Selection process

5.1 There may be only one holder of the scholarship at a time.

5.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:

- a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
- b. the Academic Dean of Science (or nominee); and
- c. the Academic Dean of Engineering (or nominee).

6. Conditions of acceptance

6.1 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.

6.2 By accepting the award, recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance, and indicate that they are willing to engage in University community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as University ambassadors, and being involved with University publicity as appropriate.

7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$24,500 per 120 points of enrolment.

7.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, in monthly instalments.

7.3 The first payment of the scholarship is made as soon as practicable after the recipient has accepted a scholarship offer and completed enrolment in a PhD programme in Engineering or Science at the University.

7.4 At the request of the recipient, the amount of the monthly payments may be reduced to an amount specified by the recipient in accordance with any other remuneration the recipient will receive.

8. Tenability and retention criteria

8.1 Recipients must be enrolled in a PhD programme within 12 months of an offer of admission to a PhD programme at the University.

8.2 The scholarship is tenable by full-time students enrolled in a PhD programme in Engineering or Science at the University.

8.3 The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.²

8.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any University of Canterbury-funded stipendiary doctoral scholarship. With the permission of the Dean of Postgraduate Research, but not otherwise, the scholarship is co-tenable with any other award.

8.5 Conditions on a recipient's co-tenure may be imposed, such as reducing the amount of the stipend associated with the Keith Laugesen Scholarship. Recipients are permitted to hold other awards without reduction of the amount of the stipend if the value of the other awards (excluding grants to cover research-related expenses) does not exceed 50% of the value of the scholarship. If the total value of other awards does exceed this limit, the stipend is normally reduced by the amount by which that total exceeds 50% of the stipend value.

8.6 Recipients must inform the Scholarship Office immediately if they suspend, complete, or otherwise cease their enrolment in a PhD programme in Engineering or Science.

8.7 If it is necessary for their PhD research, recipients, with the permission of the Dean of Postgraduate Research, may retain their scholarships while carrying out research for specified periods outside the University.

8.8 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the years of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 8.2, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

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

9. Background information

The scholarship was established in 1994 by a gift from the Keith Laugesen Charitable Trust.

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Notes

¹ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

² In the case of a student already enrolled for a PhD degree at the University or transferring from a PhD programme at another university to complete a PhD programme at the University of Canterbury, the term of the scholarship 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.