

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	15 August
Value	\$5,000
Tenure	One year
Number available annually	Up to eight: up to four for applicants intending to major in Geography, and up to four for applicants intending to major in Music
Applicable enrolment during tenure	Full-time enrolment in a first year of a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University with a major in Geography and/or Music
Citizenship/residency requirements	Applicants must be citizens of New Zealand or holders of New Zealand residence class visas.
Co-tenability restrictions	None

1. Purpose

This scholarship supports undergraduate Geography and Music majors 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 have completed, or be completing, a University Entrance qualification or equivalent,¹ and have studied at secondary level, either in New Zealand or overseas, in the year of application (or, in the case of a gap year,² in the year immediately prior to the year of application).
- 2.3 The scholarship is tenable by students enrolled full-time in their first year of a programme at the University for an undergraduate degree with a major in Geography and/or Music.
- 2.4 By 10 December in the year of application, recipients must have applied to enrol for a programme as specified in clause 2.3.
- 2.5 Recipients must qualify for admission to the University, through achievement of University Entrance or an equivalent qualification, by at least one week before the first day of Semester 1 of the year of tenure.

3. Selection process

- 3.1 The selection committee for Geography majors comprises:
 - a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
 - b. the Head of the Department of Geography (or nominee); and
 - c. the Academic Dean of Science (or nominee).
- 3.2 The selection committee for Music majors comprises:

- a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
- b. the Head of the School of Music (or nominee); and
- c. the Dean of Arts (Academic) (or nominee).

4. Selection criteria

4.1 In making their recommendations, the selection committees consider:

- a. academic achievement, as indicated by quality of achievement at NCEA Level 2 or in equivalent university entrance qualifications, or such other evidence of academic merit;
- b. evidence of leadership potential; and
- c. involvement in sporting, cultural, and community activities.

4.2 If in any year there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit in either category of scholarship than there are scholarships available, fewer awards will be made in that category. In such a case, the unawarded scholarship or scholarships may be made available to the other category.

5. Application process

Applications must be made online at the [Scholarships website](#)³ by 15 August.

6. Co-tenability restrictions

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

7. Payment schedule

The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account in two equal instalments, as soon as practicable in each semester after confirmation of enrolment in a programme of study as specified in clause 2.3, and after the final date on which a student may receive a full refund for withdrawal from a course.⁴

8. Conditions of acceptance

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

8.2 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.

8.3 In the event where a recipient's enrolment no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 2.3, the scholarship will be withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

8.4 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.

8.5 Continuation of the scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic engagement⁵ and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

9. Background information

The scholarship was established in 2012 from a bequest of Mrs Judith Pownall (nee Whittaker), widow of Leigh Pownall, for the "advancement of education" in Geography and Music at the University. Leigh Pownall was Professor of Geography at the University, and is considered "the father of urban geography in New Zealand".⁶ He became the University's youngest vice-chancellor in 1961 and led the University with great efficiency until 1966, during a period of enormous growth.⁷ The strength and standing of the University today are considered to be "a tribute to the legacy of Dr Pownall's tenure as vice-chancellor".⁸ Dr and Mrs Pownall were married for 65 years, lived happily in Christchurch for 22

years, and shared a keen lifetime interest in music and the arts. They had a wide circle of friends⁹ and worked tirelessly together to improve and cement the relationship between the University and the city.⁸

Reference: Leigh&Judith_Pownall_Schol

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¹ A University-Entrance equivalent qualification is one that is deemed, by the University, to be appropriate to permit student admission (with equivalent standing) to the University.

² For the University's definition of *gap year*, see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

³ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

⁴ See <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/fees/tuition-fee-refunds/>

⁵ For the University's definition of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

⁶ King, L. J. (2009). A tribute: Leslie Leigh Pownall. *New Zealand Geographer*, 65(2), pp. 155–157.

⁷ Gardner, W. J. et al. (1973). *A history of the University of Canterbury*, (pp. 372–377). Christchurch: University of Canterbury.

⁸ R. Mann, Chancellor of the University of Canterbury, cited in "University pays tribute to former vice-chancellor". *Chronicle*, 43(18), 2008, p. 2.

⁹ Crean, M. (2008, 8 November). Landmark appointment was spur to growth. *The Press* (Christchurch), p. D15.