

Lord Rutherford Memorial Research Fellowship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	1 November
Whaipainga Value	Up to \$100,000 per annum, comprising the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition fees: Up to \$50,000• Stipend: \$35,000• Expenses: \$15,000
Wā roanga Tenure	Up to three years
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Normally, there may be only one holder of the scholarship at a time. ¹ The scholarship is advertised as it becomes available.
Herenga tika Applicable programme during tenure	Full-time postgraduate study, at an overseas institution.
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants must have been either:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. born in Aotearoa New Zealand: orb. resident in Aotearoa New Zealand for a total of at least seven years on the closing date for applications.• Recipients must have graduated from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury by the time they take up the scholarship.

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship supports graduates of Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury with a background in Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, or any related subject, to undertake further study at an overseas institution.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must have been either:

- a. born in Aotearoa New Zealand: or
- b. resident in Aotearoa New Zealand for a total of at least seven years on the closing date for applications.

2.2 Successful applicants must have graduated from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury by the time they take up the scholarship.

2.3 Applicants must not currently hold, or have previously held, the Lord Rutherford Memorial Scholarship.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website² by 1 November.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

4.1 Normally, there may be only one holder of the scholarship at a time.¹ The scholarship is advertised as it becomes available.

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

- a. a member of Te Kaunihera | Council (or nominee);
- b. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee); and
- c. the Amo Matua, Pūtaiao | Executive Dean, Science (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

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

- a. academic achievement in Chemistry, Mathematics, or Physics, or in some related subject;
- b. intended overseas institution and programme of study;
- c. character; and
- d. potential for leadership, and prospects for contributing to society.

Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview with the selection committee.

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

6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule

6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance up to a value of \$100,000 per annum, comprising the following:

- a. Tuition fees: Up to \$50,000
- b. Stipend: \$35,000
- c. Expenses: \$15,000

6.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account.

6.3 Payments commence as soon as practicable after confirmation of enrolment as specified in clause 7.3.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

7.1 During tenure of the scholarship the holder is known as a Rutherford Scholar.

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

7.3 The scholarship is tenable during a programme of full-time study at an overseas institution as specified in the recipient's application (or, with the permission of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, in an appropriate alternative programme).

7.4 The scholarship is tenable for the minimum period that would normally be required to complete the specified programme of study, but for no more than three years.

7.5 Except with the permission of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, the scholarship is not co-tenable with any other award.³

7.6 Except with the permission of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, a recipient may not retain the scholarship while holding any paid position.

7.7 If, during tenure, a recipient's enrolment no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.3, the scholarship may be withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

7.8 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on:

- a. satisfactory academic progress, as evidenced by annual reports on progress that have been provided by the head of the department or institution in which the recipient is studying;⁴ and
- b. satisfactory personal conduct.⁵

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The award was founded by Arthur Sims (1877–1969) and Agnes Marian (Nancy) Sims (née Todd) who in 1941 made provision of a fund of £10,000 to establish a scholarship or scholarships to commemorate the late Baron Rutherford of Nelson. Sir Arthur was a student of Canterbury College who graduated in 1902 with an MA in Chemistry with first class honours and received an honorary LLD through Canterbury University College in 1955. He was a prominent industrialist and cricketer. Both Sir Arthur and Lady Sims are remembered for their philanthropy.

Ernest Rutherford, 1st Baron Rutherford of Nelson, OM, FRS, HonFRSE, Nobel Laureate (1871–1937), was a student of Canterbury College (BA, MA, BSc) who came to be known as the father of nuclear physics.⁶

In 1993 the estate of Sir Arthur and Lady Sims's daughter, Mrs Nancy Margaret Graeme Black (1919–1989), contributed to the scholarship's fund.

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ If funds permit, an additional scholarship may be available.

² www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

³ Conditions may be imposed on any co-tenure that is permitted, such as reducing the amount of the stipend associated with the Lord Rutherford Memorial Scholarship.

⁴ The annual reports on progress must be supplied by the recipient to the Scholarships Office:
www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/.

⁵ If a scholarship is withdrawn, a solatium may be paid to the recipient if the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research believes it appropriate.

⁶ For details of Lord Rutherford's life, see:

John Campbell, "Rutherford, Ernest", in *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography* (2002),
<https://teara.govt.nz/en/biographies/3r37/rutherford-ernest>.