

The Okamatsu–Kimura–Steven Family Scholarship

Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	31 March
Value	\$2,000
Number available annually	One
Special requirements	Students who have lived in Japan are not eligible. ¹

1. Purpose

The award supports travel to Japan, to enable the holder to advance their study of and acquaintance with the culture and people of Japan.

2. Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must be undergraduate students enrolled at the University of Canterbury in one or more 200- or 300-level courses in Japanese language.

2.2 Applicants may not have lived in Japan.¹

3. Application process

3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website² by 31 March.

3.2 Applications are not accepted from previous recipients of the award.

4. Selection process

4.1 One award is available annually.

4.2 The award is made by the Council of the University on the recommendation of a selection committee, comprising:

- the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee); and
- the Head of the Department of Global, Cultural and Language Studies (or nominee).

5. Selection criteria

5.1 In making the recommendation, the Head of the Department of Global, Cultural and Language Studies (or nominee) considers, in descending order of priority:

- contribution to society and other people, including potential future contributions;
- leadership qualities;
- interest in Japanese culture and ability in Japanese;

- d. academic record and diligence; and
- e. proposed schedule of visits in Japan.

Preference is given to students studying Japanese language at 300 level who have not visited Japan.

5.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit no award is made.

6. Conditions of acceptance

6.1 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of an award 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 and University publicity as appropriate.

7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The award provides financial assistance at a value of \$2,000 to support travel to Japan.

7.2 The award is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account on production of evidence to the Scholarships Office² that travelling arrangements have been finalised.

8. Tenability and retention criteria

8.1 The travel to Japan must commence within 12 months of the date of the student's acceptance of the offer of the award.

8.2 The recipient must spend a minimum of two weeks in Japan.

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

8.4 In the event that the recipient does not complete the nominated travel or appropriate alternative travel, the award is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

9. Background information

The scholarship was established from donations made in 1984 and later by Mr Yoshihisa Okamoto of Kyoto, Japan. Dr Chigusa Kimura-Steven, a PhD graduate of the University and Head of the University's Department of Asian Languages, also contributed to the scholarship.

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Notes

¹ Having *lived in Japan* is defined as having spent one or more periods of more than three months' duration in that country.

² www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/