



# Rutherford Visiting Studentship at Darwin College, Cambridge

## Waeture | Regulations

### Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga</b> Closing date	Open whenever funds are available
<b>Whaipanga   Value</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Admission fees and academic fees for a Visiting Studentship at the University of Cambridge.<sup>1 2 3</sup></li><li>Specified privileges at Darwin College, Cambridge.<sup>4</sup></li></ul>
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	The duration of the Visiting Studentship: from two to twelve months.
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	Usually One
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure</b>	A programme for a PhD at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury.
<b>Herenga motuhake</b> Special requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An applicant must have been accepted as a Visiting Student by a department or affiliated institute of the University of Cambridge.<sup>1</sup></li><li>Preference is given to:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand and holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas; and</li><li>those studying in the areas of engineering, health sciences, mathematics, science, or technology.</li></ol></li></ul>

#### 1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship is to enable PhD students of Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury to conduct research at the University of Cambridge, and to thereby foster links between the academics of the two universities.

#### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be enrolled in a programme for a PhD at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury.
- 2.2 Applicants must have been accepted as a Visiting Student by a department or affiliated institute of the University of Cambridge.<sup>1</sup>

### **3. Tukanga tononga | Application process**

- 3.1 Applications must be made directly to the Scholarships Office via email ([scholarships@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:scholarships@canterbury.ac.nz)) upon being accepted as a Visiting Student by a department or affiliated institute of the University of Cambridge.<sup>1</sup>
- 3.2 Applications are accepted from previous recipients of the scholarship, and they are given equal consideration with applications from those who have not held the scholarship before.

### **4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process**

- 4.1 One scholarship is available annually.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by Te Kaunihera | Council of Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
  - a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor of Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury (or nominee);
  - b. the Dean of Darwin College (or nominee); and
  - c. Professor Mary Fowler (or nominee).

### **5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria**

- 5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee considers research promise. Preference is given to:
  - a. citizens of Aotearoa New Zealand and holders of Aotearoa New Zealand residence class visas; and
  - b. those studying in the areas of engineering, health sciences, mathematics, science, or technology.
- 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 admission fees and academic fees for a Visiting Studentship at the University of Cambridge.<sup>2 3</sup>
- 6.2 For the duration of their Visiting Studentship, the recipient:
  - a. is a student member of Darwin College;
  - b. holds the title "Rutherford Visiting Student" at Darwin College;
  - c. may participate in all relevant Darwin College activities; and
  - d. has accommodation available at Darwin College.<sup>2</sup>
- 6.3 The admission fees and academic fees for the Visiting Studentship are paid to the recipient's fees account at Cambridge. Any additional funding (see note 3) is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account.

### **7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria**

- 7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable during a Visiting Studentship at the University of Cambridge.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for the duration of the Visiting Studentship: from two to twelve months.
- 7.4 The scholarship is co-tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.
- 7.5 The scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered if, during tenure, the recipient does not:
  - a. maintain an enrolment that meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2;
  - b. maintain satisfactory academic engagement;<sup>5</sup> and

- c. adhere to the statutes, regulations, policies, and rules of the University of Cambridge and of Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

## 8. Whakamahuki | Background information

Professor Mary Fowler, Master of Darwin College from 2012 to 2020, and great-granddaughter of Lord Rutherford, established the scholarship in 2022 in conjunction with Darwin College of the University of Cambridge. The scholarship is in memory of Ernest Rutherford, 1st Baron Rutherford of Nelson, OM, FRS, HonFRSE, Nobel Laureate (1871–1937). Lord Rutherford, who was a student at Canterbury College (BA, MA, BSc), the forerunner of Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, came to be known as the father of nuclear physics.<sup>6</sup>

Darwin College, Cambridge, is a postgraduate-only constituent college of the University of Cambridge. It has around 700 students, who are studying in PhD and master's courses, and around 70 fellows. It is informal in nature; its community provides an atmosphere in which interdisciplinary work can flourish, and its community of scholars come from all over the world.

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**Award Owner:** UCF

**GL Code:** Not applicable – scholarship paid by Cambridge.

## Pitopito kōrero | Notes

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<sup>1</sup> [www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/visiting-students](http://www.graduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/visiting-students)

<sup>2</sup> Accommodation costs, laboratory fees, bench fees, and other department charges are not covered by the scholarship.

<sup>3</sup> In any year, additional funding may be provided to the recipient from the Poole PhD Travel Fund. If such support is available, it will be advertised to applicants in the scholarship details in the Scholarship Database.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.darwin.cam.ac.uk/>

<sup>5</sup> 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/>.

<sup>6</sup> 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>.