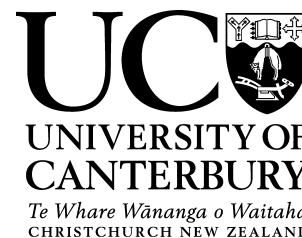


Sir Neil Isaac Scholarship in Environmental Science



Regulations

This scholarship supports research on the environment by students studying at the University of Canterbury for a Master's or PhD degree.

1. One scholarship, to a value specified in Note 1, will be available. There can be only one holder of this scholarship at any time.
2. The current holder of the scholarship will be known as the Isaac Scholar.
3. The scholarship will be tenable while the recipient is enrolled full-time in a programme for a Master's or PhD degree at the University of Canterbury, working in environmental science or environmental conservation under the supervision of a member of the University of Canterbury staff. Recipients studying for a Master's degree may hold the scholarship during both Part I and Part II of their degree programme.
4. The scholarship will be available for the period necessary for a student to complete 2.00 EFTS in the case of a Master's student, or 3.00 EFTS in the case of a PhD student.² If a recipient had already been enrolled in a relevant programme, the term of the scholarship will be reduced by any period in excess of 0.083 EFTS (Master's students) or 0.50 EFTS (PhD students) that the recipient had already completed in the programme.
5. The recipient must undertake research on the environment. This may involve the application of environmental sciences in the broadest sense to the study of environmental problems or environmental conservation.
6. The scholarship will be awarded by the University of Canterbury Council, on the recommendation of a Selection Committee, comprising:
 - a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
 - b. the Dean of Science (or nominee); and
 - c. a person nominated by the Isaac Conservation and Wildlife Trust.
7. In recommending the award, the Committee will consider general suitability of the candidate, including:
 - a. academic achievement;³
 - b. character; and
 - c. ability to pursue research.

Candidates must provide a one-A4-page research proposal to indicate that their research is aligned with the research interests of a staff member of the University of Canterbury. Short-listed candidates may be required to attend an interview with the Committee.

¹ The current value of the scholarship is \$20,000 per annum.

² EFTS means "Equivalent Full Time Student", and 1.00 EFTS is equal to one year of full-time study.

³ Candidates must have an academic record for their qualifying degree that has a minimum average grade equivalent to a University of Canterbury A-.

8. Applications for the scholarship must be made to the University of Canterbury Scholarships Office, on the approved form available from the Scholarships website,⁴ no later than 5.00pm on 31 May or 30 November, or, if either is not a business day, by 5.00pm on the next business day.
9. If, in any year that applications are accepted, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no award will be made.
10. To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must have met the academic requirements for enrolment in the relevant programme by 25 January (for those who apply by 30 November), or 26 July (for those who apply by 31 May). See Note 5 for further details of eligibility.
11. Every recipient not already enrolled in the relevant programme should normally be enrolled by 30 June in the year following application (for those applying by 30 November), or by 31 December in the year of application (for those applying by 31 May). A recipient who is unable to enrol by the applicable deadline must seek permission from a relevant Dean (in the case of Master's students) or the Dean of Postgraduate Research (in the case of PhD students) to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without this permission the award will be terminated.
12. Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship will lapse if it is not accepted, in writing, within one calendar month of the date of the offer.
13. The scholarship is not tenable with any other scholarship or bursary.
14. The recipient may choose to have a portion of the value of the scholarship paid to his or her fees account at the time of the recipient's enrolment into a Master's or PhD degree programme.⁶
15. If it is necessary for their research, recipients, with the permission of a relevant Dean (in the case of Master's students) or the Dean of Postgraduate Research (in the case of PhD students), may retain the scholarship while carrying out research for limited periods outside the University of Canterbury.
16. A condition of acceptance is that recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance of the award, and that they are willing to engage in University of Canterbury community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as University ambassadors, and being involved with University publicity as appropriate.
17. The recipient must lodge with the Isaac Conservation and Wildlife Trust a copy of any publication arising from the work undertaken during the tenure of the scholarship, and must give due recognition to the donors in any such publication.
18. In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from the specified course of study for which the scholarship is awarded, the scholarship will be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered.
19. Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes and regulations.

History of the award: The Sir Neil Isaac Scholarship in Environmental Science was founded in 2014 by the Isaac Conservation and Wildlife Trust in memory of Sir Neil Isaac (1915–1987), who had a lifelong enthusiasm for enhancing relationships between people and the environment. It replaces the Sir Neil Isaac Scholarship in Geography/Environmental Science, which had been established in 1987 by the Isaac Wildlife Trust on the Golden Jubilee of the Department of Geography.

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⁴ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>

⁵ By the relevant deadline in Clause 10 in the year of application:

- applicants must have received final confirmed grades for the qualifying degree; and
- applicants requiring admission ad eundem statum must have had this admission confirmed unconditionally (including any English language requirements).

In addition, for applicants who have completed the academic requirements but not the non-academic requirements for the BE(Hons) degree, offers of awards are conditional on their subsequently having those requirements completed and credited by 15 March in the year following application (for those applying by 30 November), or 15 July in the year of application (for those applying by 31 May). Students may not take up the scholarship until such non-academic requirements have been completed and credited.

⁶ Any outstanding value will be paid by direct credit into the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account as soon as practicable after confirmation of enrolment. Such payments will be made in equal monthly instalments if the outstanding value exceeds \$2,000.