

# Sir Neil Isaac Scholarship in Environmental Science

## Waeture | Regulations

### Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga</b> Closing date	31 October
<b>Whaipanga   Value</b>	\$20,000 per annum
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	Up to 2.00 EFTS for a Master's student, Up to 3.00 EFTS for a PhD student
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	One. There can only be one holder of this scholarship at any time.
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable enrolment/programmes during tenure</b>	Full-time enrolment in a Master's or PhD degree in Science on a topic relating to the environment as detailed in 2.1.
<b>Herenga motuhake</b> Special requirements	Nil

#### 1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports research on the environment by students studying at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury for a Master's or PhD degree.

#### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Full-time enrolment in a programme for a Master's or PhD degree in Science at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, working under the supervision of a member of the staff of the University.
- 2.2 Eligible areas of study include those focused on conservation, ecological or environmental enhancement research that supports the preservation, amelioration and/or deeper knowledge of New Zealand native flora and fauna species in the natural habitat, as it relates to the wider picture of a healthy biodiversity within New Zealand. Study that incorporates natural solutions to the urban environment is also eligible. Typically these studies will be undertaken in the subject areas of Environmental Sciences, Geography and/or Biological Sciences (in particular Conservation and Ecology), though any subject area in Science that meets the topic focus criteria will be considered.
- 2.3 Recipients studying for a Master's degree may hold the scholarship during both Part I and/or Part II of their degree programme.
- 2.4 To be eligible for a scholarship, an applicant must have met the academic requirements for enrolment in the relevant programme by 25 January in the year following the year of application. <sup>1</sup>

#### 3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website<sup>2</sup> by 31 October at 11.59pm.

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

4.1 One scholarship is available annually. There can only be one holder of this scholarship at any time.

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

- a. the Tumu Whakarae | Vice-Chancellor (or nominee); and
- b. the Dean of Science (or nominee); and
- c. a person nominated by the Isaac Conservation and Wildlife Trust.

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

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

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

- a. Alignment of research interests to The Isaac Conservation and Wildlife Trust<sup>3</sup> ;
- b. Character;
- c. Volunteer work and future career aspirations;
- d. ability to pursue research; and
- e. academic achievement.<sup>4</sup>

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

5.3 The scholarship can be held by a candidate (Isaac Scholar) for 2-3 consecutive years of study, in which case the scholarship is not offered to an additional candidate during that second or third year.

#### **6. Mahere utu | Value and payment schedule**

6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of \$20,000 per annum.

6.2 The scholarship is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account in equal monthly instalments.

6.3 Payments will commence as soon as practicable after confirmation of enrolment.

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

7.1 The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the year of application. Every recipient not already enrolled in the relevant programme should normally be enrolled by 30 June in the year following the year of application.

7.2 The scholarship is tenable during full-time enrolment in a Master's or PhD degree in Science with a research topic as specified in 2.1.

7.3 The current holder of the scholarship will be known as the Isaac Scholar.

7.4 The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary for a student to complete up to 2.00 EFTS in the case of a Master's student, or up to 3.00 EFTs in the case of a PhD student. If a recipient has already been enrolled in a relevant programme, the term of the scholarship may be reduced.<sup>5</sup>

7.5 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other monetary award.

7.6 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.

7.7 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.

7.8 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>6</sup> and
- c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

## 8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The Sir Neil Isaac Scholarship in Environmental Science was updated 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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## Pitopito kōrero | Notes

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<sup>1</sup>By the relevant deadline in Clause 2.3 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. Students may not take up the scholarship until such non-academic requirements have been completed and credited.

<sup>2</sup> [www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/)

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Candidates must have an academic record for their qualifying degree that has a minimum average grade equivalent to a University of Canterbury A-.

<sup>5</sup> EFTS means "Equivalent Full Time Student", and 1.00 EFTS is equal to one year of full-time study.

<sup>6</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/>.