

Tan Sri Datuk Oh Siew Nam P.S.M., P.J.N. Malaysian Scholarship



Regulations

Key Information

Closing date	31 October
Value	\$20,000
Tenure	One year
Number available annually	One
Applicable programme during tenure	Full-time enrolment in a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.
Special requirements	Applicants must be citizens of Malaysia. ¹ They cannot also be citizens of New Zealand or Australia, holders of New Zealand residence class visas, or Australian Permanent Residents. ²

1. Purpose

This scholarship recognises and supports top students from Malaysia who are studying in an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Canterbury.

2. Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must be citizens of Malaysia.¹ They cannot also be citizens of New Zealand or Australia, holders of New Zealand residence class visas, or Australian Permanent Residents.²
- 2.2 Applicants must have completed, or be completing, a university entrance qualification.
- 2.3 Applicants must be continuing students at the University or have applied for admission to the University by 31 October in the year of application.
- 2.4 Recipients who will be beginning their first year of study at the University must qualify for admission to the University, through achievement of University Entrance or an equivalent qualification, by at least one week before the first day of Semester 1 of the year of tenure.

3. Selection process

- 3.1 One \$20,000 scholarship is available annually. If, in any year, there are two candidates of equal merit, two \$10,000 scholarships are awarded.
- 3.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Council of University, on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Vice-Chancellor (or nominee);
 - b. a representative of the University of Canterbury Foundation; and

- c. a member of the Oh family (or nominee).

4. Selection criteria

4.1 In making the recommendations the selection committee considers:

- a. extenuating circumstances that would prove a financial barrier to study;
- b. academic achievement in the most recent year of study; and
- c. evidence of leadership and personal qualities indicating potential to be a success in life;

The first criterion is given the most weighting in making the recommendations. Before the selection committee makes its recommendations, candidates may be required to attend an interview conducted by a member of the Oh family (or nominee).

4.2 If, in any year, there is no candidate of sufficient merit, no scholarship is awarded.

5. Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website³ by 31 October.

6. Tenability

6.1 The scholarship is tenable by full-fee-paying international students only, during full-time enrolment in a programme for an undergraduate degree at the University.

6.2 The scholarship is tenable for one year.

6.3 The scholarship is tenable with any other award unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

7. Value and payment schedule

7.1 The scholarship has a value of \$20,000. If, in any year, there are two candidates of equal merit, two \$10,000 scholarships are awarded.

7.2 The value of a scholarship is credited directly to a recipient's University fees account at the time of full-time enrolment in a programme for an undergraduate degree.

8. Conditions of acceptance

8.1 Unless otherwise specified in the offer letter, an offer of a scholarship lapses if it is not formally accepted within one calendar month of the date of the offer.

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

8.3 By accepting an award, recipients permit publication and announcement of their acceptance, and indicate that they are willing to engage in University community activities, such as student mentoring, acting as University ambassadors, and being involved with University publicity as appropriate.

8.4 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in the year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 6.1, the scholarship is withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.

8.5 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the statutes and regulations of the University.

9. Background information

Tan Sri Datuk Oh Siew Nam P.S.M., P.J.N. and Puan Sri Datin Margaret Lois Oh established the scholarship in 2016 to support the University of Canterbury in recognition of its involvement in the Colombo Plan. In the 1950s and 1960s, the University gave a number of Malaysian students such as Tan Sri Datuk Oh the opportunity to be educated in a world-class university. Tan Sri Datuk Oh studied Electrical Engineering and graduated with honours in 1962. That opportunity, given to him and others

like him by the University, opened a door to an education that was the first step in years of dedicated study and hard work, culminating in a full and highly respected business and finance career involving service not only to his employer, but also to his country, Malaysia. This scholarship will carry on the Colombo Plan traditions and support successful applicants from Malaysia in their study at the University of Canterbury.

Tan Sri Datuk Oh has set up this scholarship in memory of his mother, Mdm Tan Tang Mooi, who had made many sacrifices to allow a better future for her son. Now this scholarship in her honour will provide the opportunity for a better future for many more Malaysian students.

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¹ Applicants with Permanent Resident status in Malaysia are not eligible.

² If, during the tenure of a scholarship, a recipient's immigration status changes so that he or she is no longer a full-fee-paying international student, and thereby obtains a partial refund of academic fees from the University, the scholarship may be withdrawn, and any scholarship money paid since the status change was recorded at the University may be refunded to the source.

³ <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/>