

# UC Aho Hīnātore | Accelerator PhD Scholarship

## Waeture | Regulations

### Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga</b> Closing date	None: Successful completion of a UC Aho Hīnātore   Accelerator project is considered an application for this scholarship.
<b>Whaipainga   Value</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NZ\$28,000 per 120 points of thesis enrolment.<sup>1</sup></li><li>• Tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate.<sup>2</sup></li></ul>
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	Up to 70
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable programmes during tenure</b>	The scholarship is tenable by students engaged in study for the degree of PhD.

#### 1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports students for study towards a PhD at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury.

#### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Candidates must be current recipients of the UC Aho Hīnātore | Accelerator project scholarship.
- 2.2 Students may not take up a scholarship until any non-academic requirements for the qualifying degree have been completed and credited. Offers of scholarships to candidates whose qualifying degree is the BE(Hons) from Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury are conditional on the completion and crediting of ENGR 200 no later than 12 months after the formal offer of a place in the PhD programme has been accepted.

#### 3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Successful completion of a UC Aho Hīnātore | Accelerator project scholarship is considered an application for this scholarship. No further application is necessary or possible.
- 3.1 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit for the scholarship than there are scholarships available, fewer offers of the scholarship are made.

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

Up to 70 scholarships are available annually. The scholarships are awarded by Te Kaunihera University Council.

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

All recipients of the UC Aho Hīnātore | Accelerator project scholarship who successfully complete the supervised research project for which that scholarship was awarded are offered the UC Aho Hīnātore Accelerator PhD Scholarship.

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

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of NZ\$28,000 per 120 points of thesis enrolment.<sup>1</sup> In addition to the stipend, the scholarship covers tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate.<sup>2</sup>
- 6.2 For a part-time student the values of the instalments of the stipend payments, and the duration of a scholarship, are proportionate to the student's study workload.
- 6.3 A scholarship stipend is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated Aotearoa New Zealand bank account, in monthly instalments.
- 6.4 The first stipend payment is made as soon as practicable after the recipient has accepted a scholarship offer, completed enrolment in the PhD programme at the University, and begun study.
- 6.5 At the request of a scholarship recipient, the amount of the monthly scholarship stipend payments may be reduced to an amount specified by the recipient in accordance with any other remuneration the recipient will receive.

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

- 7.1 The scholarship is tenable by full-time and part-time students engaged in study for a PhD degree at the University.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment. 7.3 Recipients should normally be enrolled in the PhD programme by 1 June in the year following their application for the scholarship. A recipient who is unable to enrol by this deadline must seek permission from the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research to take up the applicable scholarship at a later date. Without this permission the offer of the award is rescinded.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not fully co-tenable with any other Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury stipendiary doctoral scholarship.<sup>3</sup> With the permission of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, but not otherwise, a scholarship is co-tenable with any other award.
- 7.5 Conditions on a recipient's co-tenure may be imposed, such as reducing the amount of the stipend associated with the scholarship. Scholarship recipients are permitted to hold other awards without reduction of the amount of the scholarship stipend if the value of the other awards (excluding grants to cover research-related expenses) does not exceed 50% of the stipend value of the scholarship. If the total value of other awards does exceed this limit, the scholarship stipend is normally reduced by the amount by which that total exceeds 50% of the scholarship stipend value.
- 7.6 If a recipient holds any other scholarship that pays tuition fees, and the other scholarship does not fully cover the tuition fees, then the UC Aho Hīnātore | Accelerator PhD Scholarship tops up the other scholarship's payment to the extent that the tuition fees are fully covered. If there is no such shortfall in the other scholarship's coverage of the tuition fees, the UC Aho Hīnātore | Accelerator PhD Scholarship pays a stipend only. In any case, the forfeited fees payment(s) may not be reallocated to another programme of study.
- 7.7 Recipients must inform the Scholarship Office immediately if they suspend, complete, or otherwise cease their enrolment in the PhD programme.
- 7.8 If a recipient suspends enrolment in the PhD programme, the scholarship and associated payments are also suspended. Scholarship payments normally resume automatically upon re-enrolment. In cases of suspensions of greater than six months, including extensions of the suspension period,

reinstatement requires the approval of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research. If the recipient does not resume the programme of research within one month of the end of the approved suspension period, the scholarship is terminated.

- 7.9 Following thesis submission, any remaining stipend is paid, up until the examination process is complete. Payments cease when the examination process is complete.
- 7.10 A recipient, with the permission of the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research, may retain their scholarship while enrolled as a distance student or while carrying out research for specified periods outside the University.
- 7.11 The scholarship may be withdrawn, and any paid funds may be recovered if, during tenure, the recipient does not:
- a. maintain an enrolment in the PhD programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury that is applicable to the individual scholarship;
  - b. maintain satisfactory academic engagement and progress;<sup>4</sup> and
  - c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

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<sup>1</sup> A scholarship is paid pro rata if the recipient is enrolled for fewer than 120 points in any year.

<sup>2</sup> A scholarship does not directly cover the Student Services Levy, medical insurance, or accommodation.

<sup>3</sup> A candidate who is offered more than one UC-funded stipendiary doctoral scholarship may hold all scholarships in name. However, the scholarship value is paid for just one of the scholarships, as nominated by the candidate.

<sup>4</sup> For the University's definitions of *satisfactory academic engagement* and *satisfactory academic progress* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.