

# UC Child Well-being Research Institute Doctoral Scholarship

## Waeture | Regulations

### Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

<b>Rā whakamutunga   Closing date</b>	13 April or 10 December
<b>Whaipanga   Value</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NZ\$30,000 per 120 points of thesis enrolment.</li><li>Tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate.</li><li>The opportunity to participate in the Child Well-being Research Doctoral Support Programme</li></ul>
<b>Wā roanga   Tenure</b>	The scholarships are tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.
<b>Rahinga ia tau   Number available annually</b>	Determined annually.
<b>Herenga tika   Applicable enrolment/programme[s] during tenure</b>	Full- or part-time enrolment in PhD programmes at University of Canterbury in conjunction with the Child Well-being Research Institute (CWRI)
<b>Herenga motuhake   Special requirement[s]</b>	Recipients must be undertaking doctoral research in association with CWRI.

*“Nurturing research excellence to support children’s holistic well-being”*

#### 1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship supports students for study towards a research doctoral degree at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury in association with the CWRI.

#### 2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

2.1 Applicants must have been enrolled in their doctoral programme no more than six months prior to the closing date of the round they are applying in or must be applying for admission to a doctoral programme and be intending to begin their research within six months of this closing date.

2.2 Recipients may not already hold a research doctoral degree.

#### 3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

3.1 The scholarship is awarded in two rounds each year. Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website by 13 April or 10 December.

#### 4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

4.1 Scholarships are offered as funds permit. The numbers available will be determined annually. If no scholarships are available the scholarship will not be advertised for application.

- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by the CWRI on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
- the Director of CWRI (or nominee); and
  - the CWRI Manager (or nominee); and
  - at least one member from CWRI's Leadership Team (or nominee).

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

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
- academic achievement; and
  - (1) the quality of the institution and programme pertaining to the candidate's qualifying degree(s), and (2) the candidate's prior relevant research experience, research publications, and (3) other outputs and their alignment with the kaupapa of the CWRI; and
  - fit with the strategic themes and strands of the CWRI.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, then fewer are awarded.

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

- 6.1 The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value of NZ\$30,000 per 120 points of thesis enrolment. In addition to the stipend, the scholarship covers tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate. A scholarship does not directly cover the Student Services Levy, medical insurance, or accommodation.
- 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 The scholarship stipend is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated 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 applicable doctoral programme, and begun study in the thesis component of such a programme.

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

- 7.1 The scholarship must be taken up within six months of the closing date for application.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable by full-time and part-time students engaged in study for a research doctoral degree at the University in association with the CWRI.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other stipendiary doctoral scholarship funded by the University. With the permission of the CWRI Manager, but not otherwise, the 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 a scholarship.
- 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 a 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 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 University's Scholarship Office immediately if they suspend, complete, or otherwise cease their enrolment in an applicable doctoral programme.
- 7.8 If a recipient suspends enrolment in the applicable doctoral 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 CWRI Manager. 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 In the event where a recipient's enrolment in a year of tenure no longer meets the conditions specified in clause 7.2, the scholarship may be withdrawn and any paid funds may be recovered.
- 7.10 Following thesis submission, any remaining stipend is paid, up until the examination process is complete. Payments cease when the examination process is complete.
- 7.11 A recipient, with the permission of the CWRI Manager, may retain their scholarship while enrolled as a distance student or while carrying out research for specified periods outside the University.
- 7.12 Continuation of a scholarship is conditional on satisfactory academic progress and adherence to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

## **8. Whakamahuki | Background information**

The scholarship was established in 2020 to support the work of the Child Well-being Institute at the University of Canterbury. The overall aim of the institute is to advance high quality, multidisciplinary research to enhance the learning success and healthy well-being of children and young people. The focus is holistic, including research related to infants, children, and adolescents within the context of their whānau, family and community.

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