

UC Civil and Natural Resources PhD Scholarship

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	17 May
Whaipainga Value	The scholarship provides financial assistance at a value determined by funds available and stated in the offer. This may include a stipend and/or tuition fees payments.
Wā roanga Tenure	The scholarships are tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	Determined annually.
Herenga tika Applicable enrolment/programme[s] during tenure	Full-time enrolment in PhD programmes at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha University of Canterbury associated with the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering.
Herenga motuhake Special requirement[s]	Recipients must be undertaking doctoral research in association with the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering.

1. Aronga | Purpose

The scholarship supports students to study towards a research doctoral degree in the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Candidates must be eligible for admission to a doctoral programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.
- 2.2 Recipients may not already hold a research doctoral degree.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

- 3.1 Applications must be made online at the Scholarships¹ website by 17 May.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 Scholarships will be made available as funds and circumstances permit.
- 4.2 The scholarship is awarded by the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising:
 - a. the Head of Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering (or nominee); and

- b. the Postgraduate Research Director of the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering (or nominee).

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendations, the selection committee gives equal consideration to:
 - a. academic achievement;
 - b. likelihood of success in the applicant's research project; and
 - c. strategic objectives of the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering.
- 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 determined by funds available and stated in the offer of the award for up to 360 points of thesis enrolment. In addition to the stipend, the scholarship may also cover tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate. A scholarship may also cover Student Service Levy, if funds permit.
- 6.2 The scholarship stipend is paid by direct credit to the recipient's nominated New Zealand bank account, in monthly instalments.
- 6.3 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 date of offer of the scholarship.
- 7.2 The scholarship is tenable by full-time students engaged in study for a research doctoral degree at the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 360 points of enrolment.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not necessarily co-tenable with any other stipendiary doctoral scholarship funded by the University. With the permission of the Head of the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering, but not otherwise, the scholarship is co-tenable with any other award. In granting such permission, conditions on a recipient's co-tenure may be imposed, such as reducing the amount of the stipend associated with a scholarship.
- 7.5 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 and levies 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.
- 7.6 Recipients must inform the University's Scholarship Office immediately if they suspend, complete, or otherwise cease their enrolment in an applicable doctoral programme.
- 7.7 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 Head of the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering. 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.
- 7.8 Following thesis submission, tenure of the scholarship and associated payments cease.
- 7.9 A recipient, with the permission of the Head of Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering, may retain their scholarship while enrolled as a distance student or while carrying out research for specified periods outside the University.
- 7.10 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 and progress²; and
- c. adhere to the University's statutes, regulations, policies, and rules.

8. Whakamahuki | Background information

The scholarship was established in 2022 to support Civil and Natural Resources Engineering research at the University of Canterbury.

Approval Date: February 2024

Previous Versions: March 2022

Award owner: Head of the Department of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering

GL Code: TBC for each scholarship

¹ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

² Academic progress is detailed in the Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/regulations/academic-regulations/phd-36/>). For the University's definitions of *satisfactory academic engagement* with regard to scholarships, see <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.