

UC Doctoral Scholarship for Students with Disabilities

Waeture | Regulations

Whakamāramatanga | Key Information

Rā whakamutunga Closing date	15 October
Whaipanga Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NZ\$28,000 per 120 points of thesis enrolment, and• tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate¹
Wā roanga Tenure	The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 480 points of enrolment. ²
Rahinga ia tau Number available annually	At least one
Herenga tika Applicable programme during tenure	The scholarship is tenable by students engaged in study for a research doctoral degree. ³
Herenga motuhake Special requirements	Applicants must have a disability that significantly impairs their ability to study.

1. Aronga | Purpose

This scholarship supports students of high academic achievement who have a significant disability, for study towards a research doctoral degree³ at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury.

2. Paearu māraurau | Eligibility criteria

- 2.1 Applicants must have a disability that significantly impairs their ability to study. Applicants must submit evidence regarding the degree of disability and the extent to which it impairs their ability to study.
- 2.2 Applicants must be enrolled, or intending to enrol, in a programme for a research doctoral degree³ at the University.
- 2.3 Applicants must not already hold a research doctoral degree.
- 2.4 Candidates may apply only twice for a University of Canterbury Doctoral Scholarship for Students with Disabilities.

3. Tukanga tononga | Application process

Applications must be made online at the Scholarships website⁴ by 15 October.

4. Tukanga kōwhiringa | Selection process

- 4.1 At least one scholarship is available annually.
- 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);
 - b. the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research (or nominee);
 - c. the Kaiwhakahaere, Te Ratonga Whaikaha | Manager, Equity & Disability Service (or nominee);
 - d. the Medical Director of Te Whare Hauora o UC | UC Health Centre (or nominee); and
 - e. the amo | deans (or nominees) of the colleges in which applicants are or will be studying.

5. Paearu kōwhiringa | Selection criteria

- 5.1 In making the recommendation, the selection committee gives equal consideration to the following:
 - a. Academic achievement, including, but not limited to: (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 other outputs.
 - b. The degree of severity of the disability and the extent to which it impairs the applicant's ability to carry out their course of study.
- 5.2 If, in any year, there are fewer candidates of sufficient merit than there are scholarships available, fewer are offered.

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. In addition to the stipend, the scholarship covers tuition fees for thesis enrolment only, at the Aotearoa New Zealand domestic rate.¹
- 6.2 For a part-time student the values of the instalments of the stipend payments, and the duration of the 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 a doctoral programme at the University, and begun study in the thesis component of such a programme.

7. Paearu here | Tenability and retention criteria

- 7.1 The scholarship is tenable for the period necessary to complete up to 480 points of enrolment.²
- 7.2 Every recipient not already enrolled in a doctoral programme should normally be enrolled in such a programme by 31 December of the year following the year of application. A recipient who is unable to enrol by that date must seek permission from the Amo Rangahau | Dean of Postgraduate Research to take up the scholarship at a later date. Without this permission the offer of the award is rescinded.
- 7.3 The scholarship is tenable by full-time and part-time students engaged in study for a research doctoral degree³ at the University.
- 7.4 The scholarship is not co-tenable with any other University of Canterbury-funded stipendiary doctoral scholarship.⁵ 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 UC Doctoral Scholarship for Students with Disabilities. 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, that scholarship takes precedence in payment of the recipient's tuition fees.
- 7.7 Recipients must inform the 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 during this period. Suspension of the scholarship for longer than six months 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 any approved suspension period, the scholarship is terminated.
- 7.9 In the event of a recipient's withdrawal from a doctoral programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, the scholarship is 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.
- 7.11 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.
- 7.12 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 University established the scholarship in 1999.

Rā whakaae | Approval date: November 2021

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Pitopito kōrero | Notes

¹ The scholarship does not directly cover the Student Services Levy, medical insurance, or accommodation.

² In the case of a student transferring from a doctoral programme at another university to complete a doctoral programme at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury, the term of the scholarship may be prorated.

³ The scholarship can be held only for the thesis component of a research doctoral degree. For the University's definition of *research doctoral degree* see <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships/glossary-of-terms/>.

⁴ www.canterbury.ac.nz/scholarships/

⁵ A candidate who is offered more than one UC-funded stipendiary scholarship may hold all scholarships in name. However, the scholarship value is paid only for the scholarship with the highest value.